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Yuletide in Victoria

The gayest of seasons marked Christmas, 1909. The greatest home festival was this season the merriest in the history of the city, and a fitting culmination of the most lucrative holiday season ever experienced here. Christmas toasts were drank in the best of all champagne, G. H. Mumm's Selected Brut and Extra Dry. The excellent wines of G. Preller—Preller's Claret, Sauterne and Burgundy—graced many a table, and the good Rhine Wines of Deinhard & Co. were also splendidly represented, many standing with glass in hand and singing:

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And Bacharach on the Rhine
You'll find the best of wine."

These three unrivalled brands will be manifest, too, all through the holiday season, for good wine is essential to the Christmas spirit of merriment passing on to the New Year festivity.

HIS REFUGE IN MEXICO

Former President of Nicaragua is Now Practically a Prisoner

FAVORITES MUST MAKE RESTITUTION

Steps Taken By New Minister May Avoid General Tax Imposition

SALINA CRUZ, Dec. 27.—Jose Santo Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, arrived here on the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero today. After repeated refusals, he granted an interview to the Associated Press. He will wait here tonight for Mexico City and remain there six months. He would add address his thanks to President Diaz for the latter's kindness to him.

U.S. Admiral Calls
MANAGUA, Dec. 27.—Rear-Admiral Wm. W. Kimball, in command of the U.S. warship, *Arizona*, arrived at Managua today on a special train. He was accompanied by Geo. T. Weitzel, secretary of the United States legation at Panama, and two naval aides. The object of Admiral Kimball's visit was to pay an unofficial call on President Madriz. A great crowd at the station gave the Americans a cordial greeting, after which they drove to a hotel in the presidential carriage. It was rumored that the visit might mean the recognition of President Madriz by the United States. Rear-Admiral Kimball, however, was positive in his assertion that he called on the president only in his private capacity.

Enrique Martinez, the former finance minister, whose arrest was ordered on the charge of misappropriation of public funds, has escaped to Granada.

Joaquin Pasos, Zelaya's son-in-law, is now under arrest on a similar charge, while Joaquin Navas, a milhomaire from Leon, is also in the hands of the authorities. He is charged with obtaining \$30,000 of the public money from Zelaya for the surrender of the hide concession, which was improperly granted to him.

Must Make Restitution

The belief is general that there will be a restitution of millions by the large number of persons who have been permitted by the former government to enjoy large gains through concessions to which they were not entitled and in other ways. This may mean that the imposition of a general tax will be avoided. The financial condition of the present government is such that it has been unable to obtain credit for four for the army. It is announced on reliable authority that Mexico has formally accepted the responsibility for Zelaya's personal safety and has agreed to prevent his return to Nicaragua. The status of the ex-president is practically that of a prisoner.

The minister general has abrogated the agreement calling for the payment of six per cent. of the duties by means of government bonds. Henceforth, duties will be payable in cash only. This action leaves a quantity of these bonds, which are now worthless, in the hands of Pasos and other favorites of Zelaya, who bought the bonds from Zelaya at 45 and sold some of them to the public at 105.

NORMAL STUDENTS

Results of Examinations at Institution in Vancouver Announced.

The following is the list of students of the Provincial Normal school of Vancouver, to whom diplomas have been granted for the preliminary session, 1909: Elizabeth Astor, Alice Balkwill, Edith L. Berry, Helena J. Blake, Mary J. Bolton, Florence M. Bowell, Winifred E. Bruce, Edith H. Calbrick, Margaret Cattell, Ella J. Cavalets, Elsie Chaster, Helen Ruth Clark, M. Emmeline Corbett, M. Grace Corbett, Ruth A. E. Cordingley, Laura V. Cousins, Mary S. Croft, Jessie A. Davidson, Stella V. Ferguson, Bertha L. Fessant, Ima Fierbeller, E. Luvia Ford, Edith C. Forrest, Hazel Frame, John R. Fuller, Gert-

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The advanced session will commence on Wednesday, January 5, 1910 according to announcement today by Mr. William Burns, B. A., principal.

CHARLES E. RACE KILLED

Former Proprietor of Rossland News-paper Blown to Pieces by Pre-mature Blast in Mexico.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27. C. E. Race, former proprietor of the Rossland Miner newspaper, was blown to fragments by the premature explosion of a blast in his mine at Durango, Mexico, a few days ago.

Killed at Sault.

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 27.—John Gordon, address unknown, was killed by a pile of lumber falling on him while he was standing on the wall of the lock watching the workmen. John Erickson, of St. Elton, was badly injured, and may die.

Woman and Child Burned.
ENGLEHART, Ont., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Hays and her two children perished in a fire that destroyed the steaming place kept by her, early this morning. The place was situated about nine miles from Elk Lake. There are no particulars, but it is supposed the victims were asleep when the fire broke out.

MR. HENRY ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES

Brings Suit for Libel Against Millionaire Crocker in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The formal complaint in the damage suit of Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor in the San Francisco graft cases, against W. H. Crocker, the California millionaire, for \$250,000, on an allegation of libel, was filed here today.

Mr. Heney bases his action on an open letter bearing Mr. Crocker's name which appeared in a New York evening newspaper on Dec. 3, in which Mr. Crocker defended his action in first supporting the Heney prosecution and later withdrawing his support.

James M. Bey, counsel for Mr. Heney, said today: "As soon as Mr. Crocker's letter was published Mr. Heney telephoned me to bring suit." Mr. Heney nearly gave his life to the cause of exposing corruption of San Francisco grafters in an honorable and legitimate way. In the heat of the election contest in San Francisco many charges were made by irresponsible men against Mr. Heney, but when Mr. Crocker assumed the responsibility for these charges and gave them wider circulation in a responsible organ of public opinion, Mr. Heney felt that his opportunity had come to have a jury of his fellow-countrymen determine the justice or the injustice of the accusations against him.

In San Francisco the graft prosecutions have so divided its people into hostile camps, that it would seem to me a matter of exceedingly difficulty to secure a jury which would consider the questions involved with absolute impartiality. In New York, however, there can be no selfish interests in the issues which grew out of the San Francisco graft prosecutions, and here, therefore, a jury can be selected which can impartially and fearlessly judge between Mr. Crocker's grave accusations and Mr. Heney's account of his stewardship as a public official."

Tong War in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Tong war broke out again in Chinatown tonight. One Chinaman Lo Jong, was shot dead, and Lu YI Fong was mortally injured. Three Chinamen who did the shooting escaped. A peace treaty was signed recently by the Hui Sing Tong and the Leong Tong. The assassins are said to have been members of the latter society.

Great Increase in Crop Value.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—An increase of \$100,000,000 in the value of Canadian crops is shown in the final estimates of 1909 production issued by the census department. An area of 30,085,556 acres of field crops has yielded a harvest which, computed at local market prices has a value of \$532,992,100, as compared with \$432,994,000 from 27,505,663 acres last year.

Sad News for Family.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 27.—News of the death of Thomas Henderson, of Cobalt, by falling down a shaft in the Symmire silver mine, was received this morning. The family had just received and opened his box of Christmas presents when the news reached his home.

RAILWAY MEN MAY STRIKE

Possibility of Other Workers Joining Switchmen Who Are Now Out

COMPANIES REFUSE CONCESSION ASKED

Orders Allied With Federation of Labor Look For Spread of Strike

DEDICATION OF PEMBERTON CHAPEL

The dedication of the Pemberton Chapel at the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital takes place at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow.

FREDERICK REMINGTON

Well Known Artist and Illustrator of the West Dies Victim to Appendicitis.

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Dec. 27.—Frederick Remington, the artist, died here yesterday of appendicitis after a brief illness. He was operated on last Thursday. Remington came here last May to make this his permanent residence. He was in his forty-eighth year, and was a native of Canton, N. Y., to which place the body will be taken this afternoon. Remington was married to Miss Eva Caton of Groversville, N. Y., who survives him.

"He knew the horse; he pictured the vanishing west." These characteristic inscriptions will probably be placed on the tomb of Frederick Remington. Both were suggested by the artist himself some years ago. He first attracted attention by his representations of horses, which took up the work of illustrating the west of the cowboy and the broncho-buster. In great degree this west has vanished, save in such pictures as Remington's.

Two Drowned Near Nelson.

NELSON, Dec. 27.—George Northern and Herbert Cole lost their lives, and Charles McIvor escaped drowning through the overturning of their canoe in Kootenay lake, opposite Proctor, on Sunday afternoon. The men were employees of Watt's sawmill. The men were returning home after coming to Proctor for medicine, and it is supposed that floating ice upset the canoe. McIvor clung to the boat and was subsequently rescued. Cole's body was found lower down the river. Both men were about 22 years old and unmarried.

The three-masted schooner *Nantasket* was hurled ashore at Seatac. Valentine life savers, using the braces buoy, rescued her crew of ten men. It is probable that the vessel, which lies on the sand high on the beach, will be a total loss. She was bound for Boston from North Carolina with lumber.

The schooner *Belle Halliday*, after grounding on Saturday and being refloated, was again hurled against the shore at Brant Point, Nantucket, where she is still exposed to the fury of the sea. The fate of her crew is unknown, but it is believed that they have been rescued. She was bound for Nantucket from Philadelphia with railroad iron.

On the rocky shores of Martha's Vineyard, two schooners are being washed by every sea. They are the A. K. McLean, a British vessel bound from Firth Amboy to Halifax, and the *Washington*, schooner *Maud Seward*. *Port Reading* for Provincetown. Both crews have been taken off. At Provincetown the *loop Bonito* is at the mercy of the waves, and the flats of Plymouth harbor are four small schooners, all of which will probably be refloated with little damage.

The work of filling the gaps in the wire systems in railroad and trolley lines occupied hundreds today. Tonight the telegraph companies reported a capacity of about 25 per cent. or normal.

Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and Rhode Island suffered most, and are still in the most demoralized condition as far as wire service goes. Many places in southeastern Massachusetts have not had a railroad train for two days.

Up to noon today fifteen lives were known to have been sacrificed, three in Chelsea and twelve through the loss of the schooner *David Palmer*. At that time it was still believed that the list of casualties was incomplete.

New York Suffers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Eighteen persons in and near New York perished in the Christmas storm or from accidents caused by it. Six died from exposure after being caught in snowdrifts, and others were drowned and several were killed by trees. Today New York was rapidly digging itself out from a cover of ten inches of snow. By noon traffic conditions approached normal as a result of the labor of nearly 10,000 men in the employ of the city and traction lines, while steam railroad conditions also were rapidly improving.

C. P. R. TRAIN SERVICE

Express Trains Nos. 1 and 2 to Be Discontinued as Through Service For Three Months.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—C. P. R. transcontinental express trains Nos. 1 and 2, operating between Vancouver and Montreal, are to be discontinued as a through service next Sunday for a period of three months. A new timetable for the Pacific division of the railway is now being prepared, and it will go into effect at 2:45 o'clock next Sunday. It is expected by C. P. R. officials that on or about April 1, 1910, the double daily transcontinental service will be resumed.

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 are to be discontinued between Vancouver and Calgary and between Winnipeg and Montreal. They will continue in operation between Winnipeg and Calgary. It is expected that the single track between Vancouver and Kamloops some twelve or thirteen extra calls are being added to the schedule of Nos. 96 and 97, in order that those trains may furnish services to places between these two points which are now served by trains Nos. 1 and 2. No other changes in train service on the Pacific division are contemplated at present.

Bride Commits Suicide.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Louis Firth who was married to Daniel J. Firth of Shelburne five days ago took poison at the place where they were boarding, 14 Lakeview avenue, and died at 8 o'clock tonight. It is believed to be a

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AWAIT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Many Important Questions to Come Before Provincial Government

The spell of the holidays still lingered at the Provincial Government offices yesterday, and—because of the absence on Christmas holidaying of three of the ministers—several pending items of public business stand over until, with the return of all departmental heads, a meeting of the executive is possible.

One of the most interesting of these deferred matters is crystallized in three reports that have come to hand during the past few days. One of these is from Mr. F. C. Campbell, who was a few months ago appointed government agent at isolated Fort St. John, far away in the interior of the British Columbia corner of the great Peace river country, and who now submits a long and instructive resume of conditions in that part of the province, which will be taken up at the first assembling of the Cabinet.

Incidentally it may be stated upon the authority of the Premier that the report recently given publicity by public journals of the prairie provinces, to the effect that British Columbia contemplates an arrangement with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police similar to that of Alberta and Saskatchewan, for the policing of the Provincial corner of the Peace river watershed on the eastern side of the mountains, is without foundation, the Province feeling itself quite competent to effectively police every portion of provincial territory, and believing that this method of procedure will be in the best interest of all.

To Bella Coola Hinterland.

Another of the reports referred to comes from Angus K. Stuart, the explorer, who has been investigating the northernmost portion of what is officially classed the Bella Coola district, particularly with the specific object of locating a shorter and more economical route of ingress by which settlers and their effects may reach available public lands in the Interior. Such a route it is understood has been found, entrance from the ocean waterway being had by means of Dean Channel and the Salmon river. By this route it is believed that not only will the Bella Coola country be rendered more accessible, but also the Francis and Ootsa lake districts, and northern Cariboo.

The third of the reports referred to is from Louis Hinds, and deals with the western section of the proposed inter-provincial wagon road, a public work of extra-importance close to Hon. Mr. Taylor's heart, construction of which will, it is believed, be initiated in the very near future. Surveyors are to be sent out shortly to investigate each of the three alternative routes that have been suggested for this road, while during the current winter systematic observations are to be made as to the snowfall on each,

and the question of favorable gradients will be carefully studied.

Juvenile Delinquents

Although Hon. Mr. Bowser has not yet returned from Vancouver, where he spent Christmas with his family, it is learned at his department that the legislation is now being prepared for presentation at the forthcoming session of the House providing for the general application throughout the province (at the initiative of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council) of the Juvenile Delinquents' Act, the principle of which has been received with general approval throughout British Columbia. As a natural sequence the establishment of juvenile courts in the cities of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Nelson, Kamloops and Prince Rupert may be looked for at an early date.

No Change.

With respect to a Christmas Eve news telegram from Edmonton, stating that Premier Rutherford is anxiously awaiting this government's decision as to the suggested co-operation of the provinces in the establishment of immense elevators for the handling of Alberta and Saskatchewan grain, at Vancouver and New Westminster, Premier McBride said yesterday to "The Colonist" that there is nothing to be added as to the decision announced after executive consideration of the proposals in this regard advanced through Mr. E. H. Heaps. The Government of British Columbia feels itself unable to entertain the proposals in question.

DEDICATION OF PEMBERTON CHAPEL

Beautiful Adjunct to Jubilee Hospital to Be Opened Tomorrow.

The dedication ceremony in connection with the opening of the new Royal Jubilee hospital chapel, which has been built and dedicated to the institution through the generosity of Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The chapel has accommodation for 200 people, but it is expected that many more will be present at the dedicatory service which promises to be of an unusually interesting character. The church has been artistically painted and decorated for the occasion, this work having been carried out by Mrs. Beauchamp of this city, assisted by Miss Bachelor of Vancouver.

The chapel has been built and dedicated by Mrs. Pemberton, who stipulates that its uses shall be purely of consecrated nature. It is a building of a wonderfully beautiful interior, and tribute to its excellence was paid by the Bishop of Chichester during his recent visit to Victoria in the statement that he had been consulted in the matter he could not have suggested anything more perfect. It was designed by J. C. Keith, the local architect.

Will Meet Thursday.

As New Year's eve falls on Friday the usual date for the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee of the city council, that body will meet on Thursday evening. Prior to the meeting a special meeting of the council will be held at which certain bylaws to be submitted to the ratepayers will be given their third readings and the electric light committee of the council will also hold a short session.

BROUGHTON ST. SITE IS SOLD

Flumerfelt Property on Corner of Douglas Doubles in Value in Two Year's Time

Doubling in value in two years and exemplifying the growth of Victoria through the enhancement of its real estate values a piece of property comprising a lot on the northwest corner of Douglas and Broughton streets owned by A. C. Flumerfelt was purchased yesterday by one of the city's most prominent merchants. The property was purchased by Mr. Flumerfelt two years ago at what was considered a high figure at the time. The broker who put through the deal prophesied that the value of the property would double in two years' time and his prediction was justified by yesterday's sale. The transaction was for spot cash.

The property is an ideal one for the carrying on of a business undertaking, securely situated and possessing frontages on streets which are daily becoming greater arteries of the city's traffic. It is one of the many interesting sales put through during the past few weeks, and is illustrative of the faith which the prominent business men repose in the future prosperity of the city.

The buoyant character of the realty market has continued throughout the holiday season and yesterday many important deals pending were concluded.

The fact that Victoria is looming larger as a field for investment than native Victorians quite realize is witnessed by the fact that a number of Vancouver men arrived Sunday and yesterday with a view to examining the situation. All look for unprecedented activity during the approaching spring.

From the South comes the same story. A gentleman returning from Portland yesterday stated that this city has attracted the attention of capitalists there. The railway policy and the impeding railway construction with all the activity always attendant thereon has focussed attention upon British Columbia's capital.

School Entertainment.

The Sunday school entertainment in connection with St. Barnabas' church, will take place tonight. Prizes will be awarded those who have qualified for them, and medals will be presented those successful in competitions. Besides there will be an excellent programme prepared and staged by the children for the most part. It follows: Instrumental, A. Longfield; song, Miss Frances Norris; violin and piano, Hazel and Irene Shaw; tableaux, "Bo Peep," Mary Jones; tableaux, "Fairies" Nelle Sinclair, Claris Watson, Dorothy Wilkerson, and Laura Wodley; "Fairy in Automobile," "Live Dankey," George Noris, V. Miller, R. Ridout; Shadowgraphs; "Santa Claus in a Steamer."

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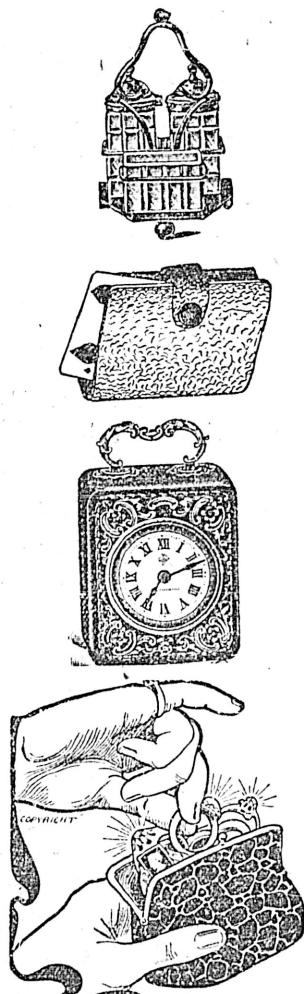
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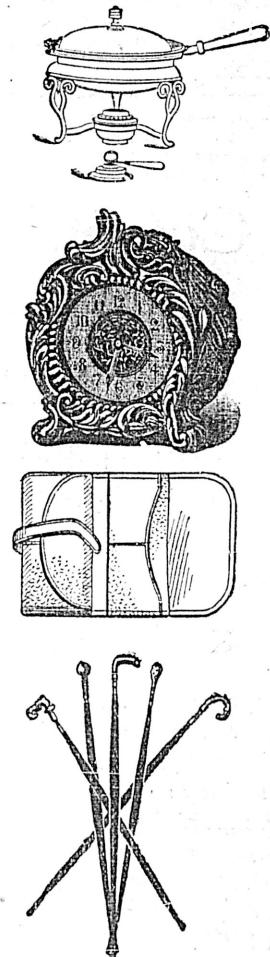


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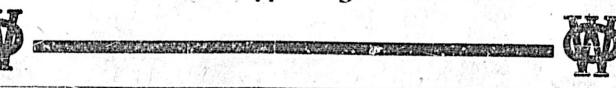
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Wassailers Fain to Beat Up Ye Watch—Themselves Trounced.

While Christmas Eve passed away in comparative quiet so far as law and order was concerned the police gathered in the usual number of ordinary drunks and two batches of would-be Jack Johnsons. The drunks were turned loose without fines on Christmas morning according to custom but the pugilists were in court yesterday morning and contributed to the city's coffers.

Both fights occurred on Johnson street. Policeman J. Farren, who isn't a big man as policeman go but who has enough sand to build a house in his makeup—was patrolling his beat late in the evening when a fine row started on Johnson street. It was at that time of the evening when the towling bowl had got off its iron work and the streets were filled with orators, soloists and physical culturists. One man met another and informed him that Cook had really discovered the post but that a lot of sealers mitts wanted to freeze him out. The other man allowed that Cook was a liar and that his friends were the same. Well, the argument had been going on for some few minutes when Policeman Farren hastened up and grabbed two of the assailants. He held them apart by main force, one at the end of each arm while the crowd hooted and jeered in the highly intelligent and helpful manner that such crowds employ on such occasions. A third man who had been arguing with the two who were captured ran around the policeman and his prisoners in the hope of getting a chance to kick him.

Plaudits From Populace.

Then one of the two men already in custody and whom Farren was endeavoring to rush toward a patrol box, jerked his arms around and fastened his hands in Farren's throat. This bit of juggling pleased the crowd greatly and there was much cheering. Farren loosened his hold on the fighting man and reached for his club. He got the baton out but as he raised it the prisoner snatched it from him and threw it into the crowd after which he began to beat the officer about the head. Farren, despite the beating he was receiving, held the man down with a gameness of a bulldog and never once called for assistance. Slowly but surely he was dragging his man to the patrol box. His club was gone and his heavy cork helmet was smashed to shreds and yet he didn't let go. Things might have been bad for the plucky policeman but at the psychological moment Detective Heather, to whom a good mill is better than a good meal, arrived on the scene. Heather captured the third man and rang in an alarm for the patrol.

It was not long after this when, on the same street, three other gentlemen who had been celebrating the joyous occasion to the limit of their funds and physical ability became entangled in a whirlwind of fists and verbiage. They had been swinging "haymakers" for some time with great application and concentration when a man in plain clothes came up and requested them to desist. He told them that he was a police officer and that although he was off duty he must enforce the law. This innovation seemed to please the three belligerents mightily. It was a joke. They thereupon started in to thrash the stranger soundly.

But that was where they erred badly. The Sad Error.

Unfortunately the stranger upon whom they decided to commonly vent their several spleens was Malcolm Blackstock, the "anchor" of the police tug-of-war team and probably one of the huskiest men in Victoria.

Blackstock's derby had been knocked into a bursted bubble when he reached out and without any apparent effort gathered two of his assailants into his arms. He laid them side by side on the pavement and put his knees on their chests. Then, while they beat vainly with their fists and called for mercy Blackstock sought to get a grip on the third man. The third man was too lively however, and a stranger from the crowd that had gathered to witness the incident went to the officer's assistance. The pugilistic individual grappled with the newcomer and tore his waistcoat from him before he was finally captured and taken with the two men Blackstock had pinned down, to the police station.

In the police court yesterday two of the men who attacked Policeman Farren gave their names as Charles Johnston and Joe McSorley. They were charged with taking part in an affray and Johnston, singly, was charged with assaulting a police officer. McSorley, when his name was called did not appear and his ball of \$25 was forfeit. Johnston paid in all, \$27.25, being assessed for the loss of the club and the helmet.

Then it came to the turn of the three gentlemen who had, unfortunately, chosen Policeman Blackstock as their mark. They gave the names of John Boucett, J. Cameron and M. Boucett, and they pleaded that the policeman was in plain clothes and that he did not tell them that he was an officer of the law until after the fight had lasted for some time. They also declared that they had been attacked by some men while they were making their way up the street and that they had fought only in self-defense.

Thrifty Souls.

However they were ordered to contribute the regular amount and costs and then the man who had smashed Officer Blackstock's dicer was made to pay for a new hat. He paid and then, said he:

"Your honor, if I have to pay for that hat I'd like the privilege of taking the old one."

This privilege was graciously granted and the court then turned to the man who had torn the waistcoat of the civilian who went to Blackstock's assistance.

"You'll have to have that mended," said the court. "You will pay the tailor's bill."

"Your honor," the prisoner interposed, "if it's all the same to you could I take the gentleman's vest home and have my wife mend it? She's handy with the needle is the wife and it'd be cheaper, your honor."

This request too, was granted and then, the case against one Beynton, a vag, having been remanded until to-day, court adjourned.

Will Not Receive.

Owing to illness in their home May and Mrs. Hall will not receive on New

Year's day. Mrs. Hall's mother is quite ill and it has been decided not to keep open house as has been done on previous years.

Christmas at St. Joseph's.

Christmas at Saint Joseph's Hospital was indeed day of jubilation; nothing that could lessen the sufferings or dispel the loneliness of those unable to reach the family hearth, was forgotten. A sumptuous dinner, including the traditional plum-pudding, was served; and in the early afternoon Christmas carols and Christmas airs were rendered by members of St. Andrew's Cathedral choir. Prof. Bantley was at the organ, and Mr. Frank Schi, leader; and the pleasure afforded the inmates of the institution must have been a great satisfaction to those who were instrumental in giving them this pleasure. Mr. J. G. Brown sang admirably well, and his rendition of "The Dream of Paradise" awakened much joy. Sister Superior and the Sisters in charge of the hospital tender their sincere thanks to those who thus contributed to making Christmas 1909 a most pleasurable day.

HEAVIEST MAIL IN CITY'S HISTORY

Christmas Presents By Parcel Post and Letters Kept the Officials Busy

If you can call to mind a great, overgrown gramophone-like structure, into one end of which invisible hands pour tons and tons of letters and parcels, and from the other end of which steady stream of parcels and letters pours into the homes of Victoria, you will have a vague idea of the part the Victoria post office has played in the distribution of cheer this glad Christmastide. Within the structure are Postmaster Shakespeare, Assistant Cairns, the regular staff and the specials, they are the machinery of the place, and the amount of mail they turned loose in Victoria during the last four days would make the uninitiated seem impossible of any eventual unravelling.

The Distribution.

On Friday night—to give an idea of the manner in which the mails came in—75 baskets of parcel post arrived from the Old Country. This batch weighed 1,480 pounds, and it was not laid down at the post office until after ten o'clock. Immediately the staff felt to on it. The clerks and the heads of departments worked all night, and by eight o'clock on Christmas morning, five wagons, taking the place of the regular carriers, who fairly swam in letters and parcels, began their rounds distributing. Much mail was sent to sub-stations, the better to facilitate its proper distribution. Then the carriers began the task of taking out what remained. The wagons came and went, and the carriers struggled all day and into the night. And yet the mail was so large that it wasn't possible to get it all out on time, and yesterday the wagons and the men went their rounds again. By today the last of the extraordinary mail should be in the hands of those for whom it is intended.

Letters and parcels were received from almost every conceivable portion of the world. Some of the parcels arrived in a bad state of repair, but where contents of bundles had fallen out they were carefully gathered and kept together until their proper recipients came and identified them.

Besides the local, all the mail along both the E. & N. and the V. & S. was unusually heavy also. One morning 150 sacks of mail went over the E. & N. alone.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Now that Christmas is past greater attention will be paid to municipal matters in view of the approaching elections. Whether it is or is not a disadvantage to have the municipal elections so soon after the holidays is an open question. It has one good effect in that it compresses the civic contest into a short period; it is objectionable in so far as it limits the time for the public discussion of questions. Nevertheless, balancing the good against the evil, probably the present system is as good as any other.

The forthcoming municipal contest is one of unusual interest, for the city has reached a turning point in its history. We have never hesitated to criticize what previous city councils have done, although we are often told that thereby the position of aldermen is rendered needlessly irksome to its incumbents. There seems to be an idea abroad that everyone must take it for granted that a member of the aldermanic body is actuated only by the highest motives in everything he does, and that his judgment, even though it may be upon something about which he knows no more than anyone else, must be accepted as infallible, so that to criticize him is to be unjust and cruel. We look upon aldermen as being very much like other people. They try to do right, but all the things that lead other people into error affect them just as they affect the rest of us. They are not looking after their own business, but after that of their fellow citizens, and it is perfectly right that their fellow citizens should look after them, and the only way this can be done is for the newspapers to keep people posted as to what has been done or left undone. The same is true of the office of mayor. The incumbent of the position must expect to be criticized. We think we can say for the newspapers of Victoria that they have treated the mayors and aldermen of the city very well indeed. Their criticisms have never been harsh, and we do not recall a single instance where has been any imputation against the motives or principles of any of them. We make these observations for two reasons. One of them is that we wish to say now that on the whole the out-going City Council has done very well; it has accomplished very much; it has not made any serious mistakes in policy so far as we are aware. We think the Mayor and Aldermen have tried to do the right thing by the citizens, and we say this notwithstanding the fact that not infrequently we have felt called upon to criticize some of their doings. We also say it because we want new aspirants to municipal positions to understand the attitude which they may expect the press to adopt towards them in the event of their being elected. It will be one of fair criticism; and if a man cannot stand that he has no place in public life. The papers will be predisposed to take a favorable view of whatever he may do; but they will feel in duty bound to express disapproval if they think mistakes are being made. It is only by constantly keeping the public in touch with what is being done that the press is able to contribute to the cause of good municipal government.

The government of a city, and especially of a rapidly growing city like Victoria, is no simple matter; but it is after all only a big business proposition, and it should be approached just as other business propositions are. The work is growing yearly more onerous, and men, who accept places on the aldermanic board, must be prepared to surrender a good deal of their time to public business for what is very inadequate remuneration; but there is a degree of satisfaction in doing such work well that repays all the trouble it gives. There has never been a time in the history of Victoria when there was as good an opportunity as is at present offering for the Mayor and Aldermen to make record for themselves of which they may well be proud; for the next year will be the beginning of an era of exceptional progress, and very much will have to be done.

It is uncertain yet how many candidates will be in the field for any of the elective offices. The three gentlemen named for the mayoralty have their strong friends and their varied qualifications. Whether or not any other candidates will be available it is premature to say. There is yet time for many aldermanic candidates to come into the field, and we hope that a number of citizens will place themselves at the disposal of the voters in every ward, so that the best possible choice may be made. We want for the year 1910 the best city council that can be got.

UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

"Lord." It is commonly applied to barons. Thus we have Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal, to whom we almost always refer as Lord Strathcona. The title "lord" is given to other members of the peerage. Thus we speak of Lord Aberdeen, although his title is Earl, of Lord Milner, although he is a viscount, and so on. Baronets are not entitled as such to sit in the House of Lords. There are baronets of England, Great Britain, the United Kingdom, Scotland, Nova Scotia and Ireland. The recognized baronetcies are numerous and many persons claim the title on more or less defensible grounds. It is hereditary and the prefix "Sir" is used with the name. Knights, the matter of what order, have no right as such to a seat in the House of Lords. This brief review will give readers a general idea of who are included in the hereditary chamber. It will appear from what has been said that very many of them are persons, who during the lifetime of men now living were not of the nobility.

Christmas came with tremendous fury along the Atlantic coast, and the story of death and disaster is a long and terrible one.

The Colonist welcomes to its exchange table No. 1 Volume 1 of the "Saturday Spectator," published at Regina, and which claims to fill a new field of journalistic usefulness in chronicling the special happenings in Saskatchewan social, literary, artistic and dramatic circles. The paper is exceedingly readable and well printed.

The Christmas issue of the Vernon News, which has just been received is certainly entitled to take a foremost place among the many special publications of the festival season betokening the enterprise of British Columbian journalism. Few public newspapers of Western Canada have shown more commendable growth in size, mechanical appearance and literary quality of recent years than has the "News;" and the Christmas issue is especially notable for the excellence of its seasonable contents and as illustrating a standard of craftsmanship in both printing and illustration which one usually associates only with the productions of the most costly city printing plants.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Events have brought the House of Lords into the limelight to such an extent that some little information concerning the individuals constituting that body may be both timely and interesting. On the Roll of the House of Lords there are six hundred and twenty-two names, but as five of these are repeated under different titles, and one peerage is vacant and ten are held by minors, therefore the actual number of individuals entitled to be called to a meeting of the hereditary chamber is 606. There are 87 Scottish peers and 175 Irish peers, who are not entitled to right to a seat in the House of Lords. Of the former 15, and of the latter 34 are representative peers, that is they have been chosen by their fellows to sit in the House of Lords. A number of both the Scottish and Irish peers sit in the Lords by virtue of their ranking in the peerage of the United Kingdom under some other—perhaps the same title. Of the peers of the United Kingdom, the holders of which only have a hereditary right to a seat in the Upper Chamber 349 were created since the accession of Queen Victoria; therefore very considerably more than half the House of Lords is of comparatively recent origin. The House itself may be surrounded with all the dignity which age can give, but most of the peerages are very modern.

There are 22 dukes in the peerage of the United Kingdom. 8 in the Scottish peerage and 2 in the Irish peerage. Only the first referred to sit of right in the House of Lords by virtue of their titles. Of these 3 are royal dukes, namely the Prince of Wales, who is Duke of Cornwall and York, and the King's brothers, the Dukes of Connaught and Albany. The other dukes in order of precedence, which is dependent upon the date of the creation of their titles are Norfolk, Somerset, Richmond and Gordon, Grafton, Beaufort, St. Albans, Leeds, Bedford, Devonshire, Marlborough, Rutland, Portland, Manchester, Newcastle, Cumberland, Wellington, Sutherland, Westminster, Fife, Argyll.

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A Bore

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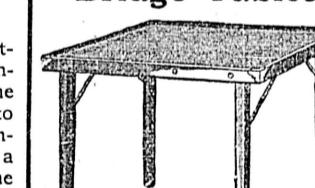
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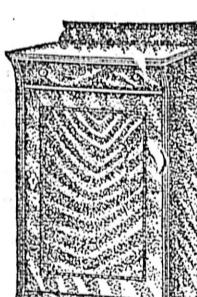
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Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Celebrate Sixtieth Year of Their Marriage

The anniversary of a wedding that took place sixty years ago was joyously celebrated on Christmas Day, when four generations, children, grand-children and great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, of Rockabell Garden, together with many of their friends, gathered again around the old fireside. Dinner—sumptuous and of the good old kind—was served in the old home, and then the big family adjourned to "Rockabell," where a reception was held from two until five o'clock. A large number of friends called to tender their congratulations and many hand-some gifts were brought to them as tokens of the love and esteem that is felt for them throughout very wide redskins.

Many interesting sights were seen on the trail. At one time the party camped in a locality then called Thousand Spring Valley, where innumerable springs of both hot water and cold came from the earth within a few feet of one another.

Reaches Eldorado.

After reaching California Mr. Alexander took up mining, and was engaged in this work for some time. However, the returns were not what he expected, and disappointed he left California on the steamer Oregon, July 1, 1858. He had turned his eyes toward Victoria, then an infant town, unheard of in the outside world except among those whose feet had trodden northern trails. Arrived here Mr. Alexander once again pitted himself against nature in a search for the yellow treasure in the Fraser river diggings. In 1861 he met success. At the end of the season he returned to his wife and family in Victoria and worked at his trade as a carpenter, receiving the wage of \$6 a day.

As a settlement began to develop and new residents came in Mr. and Mrs. Alexander took up residence in South Saanich, and there they remained for thirty-three years. At the end of that time they returned to Victoria and took up their present home, where they have lived for seventeen years.

Mr. Alexander is now 85 years of age, and his good wife is 75. They have raised twelve children, six of whom have passed away. The remaining six children, with twenty-nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren are present on Saturday to honor their forbears.

Among those who attended the reception to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were: Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C.; Miss D. McTavish; Mr. D. McTavish; Mr. and Mrs. J. Maynard; Miss E. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Preese; Mr. and Mrs. James Todd; Cedar Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh; Alderman Nicholson, Cedar Hill; Miss H. Nicholson; Miss Cooper; Mrs. and Miss O'Brien; Mr. N. Rowden; Mr. Geo. Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Palmer; Mr. A. Alexander; Mrs. R. Palmer; Mr. M. Rowden; Mr. W. Walton; Mr. and Mrs. F. Saul; Mr. and Mrs. Service; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull; Mrs. and Miss Hicks.

Among the donors of gifts were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull; check; Misses Hilda and Hazel Alexander, a brilliant comb; Harvey Alexander, handkerchiefs; Mrs. and Miss Williams, check; Mrs. Palmer, dressing jacket; Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer, gloves; Mr. H. D. Helmcken, beautiful cake plate and fruit cake; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, check; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, silk handkerchief; Mr. and Mrs. T. Preese, pot plants; Mr. and Mrs. J. Maynard, slippers; Mr. and Mrs. Todd, cut flowers; Mrs. and Miss Hicks, check; Mr. R. Hicks, check; Councillor Nicholson, check; Mr. and Mrs. McTavish, china.

LOST STEERING GEAR

SPECULATION AS TO CANDIDATES

Fourth Aspirant For Mayoralty Honors Not Yet An- nounced

With the New Year's holiday still ahead, and the between holiday spirit still manifest, municipal politics have been forced into the background, for the time being, and it is a certainty that the political pot will not begin to boil in earnest until after the first of the year. Who is the next candidate for mayor to announce himself is a question which is frequently asked, but to which as yet there is no answer. In addition to the three candidates now in the field, W. E. Oliver and Alderman Turner and Henderson, the expectation is general that there will be another. R. L. Drury's name is mentioned, but he refuses to commit himself, for a time, at least. Repeated questions directed to him as to his intentions have brought forth no further information than that he is considering the matter, but is in no position as yet to make an announcement.

Asked yesterday if he will be a candidate, Mr. Drury stated that he has not yet made up his mind. He admitted, however, that he has been requested, should he decide not to be a candidate for mayor, to stand for alderman. But here again he was most non-committal as to his intentions.

Statement Soon.

Mr. Drury promised that he would make an announcement sometime this week. This hesitancy on the part of Mr. Drury, who is known to have been offered support of a great number of friends and of many members of the Voters' League, which has held several meetings to discuss the local municipal situation and form a slate for the coming campaign, would indicate that the section of the community represented by the league is busy framing up a slate which they believe will prove a success. In the meantime, other candidates who have already announced themselves are awaiting any chance to pass, and daily the glad hand is in ever increasing prominence. So far the following candidates have announced themselves:

Ward Two: Alderman Russ, Humber; Alderman H. F. Bishop, School Trustee Capt. McIntosh, and E. B. Jones.

Ward Three: Alderman W. F. Fullerton, George Jones, and E. F. Geiger.

Ward Five: A. G. Sargison, H. Cuthbert, and W. Smith.

In Ward One no announcement has as yet been made. It is likely that Alderman Ross will again offer himself and possibly Alderman Mable will also be again in the field, but as neither of these gentlemen feel disposed to commit themselves. In Ward Four Alderman Raymond is again being pressed to run, and will probably consent, though he stated that the time required for civic business is a handicap to him in his regular business. W. G. Winterburn's name has also been mentioned, but so far he is holding back. Alderman McKeown is also unable to state definitely whether he will try for another term. Alderman Stewart in Ward Three will not again be a candidate, though he has been earnestly pressed to enter.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Sharp Critique

Sir—On Thursday evening a large audience including the writer, were treated at the Victoria theatre to an exhibition of indecent tomfoolery masquerading under the name of amusement, but offering an insult to the finer feelings of those who, I judge from the pronounced lack of appreciation, made up by far the greater part of the attendance.

It is a satisfactory condition of social ethics that is demanding, more and more with the expansion of intellectually, the acceptance of right and discredit or wrong. A play (it should have another name) like "The Soul Kiss" endeavors to set back the ascending march of human judgment, and small as is its influence, its effect is demoralizing, nevertheless.

Unfortunately, none of us are saints, and we can be broad-minded enough to admit that the pitiful are many, and the falls are many, but it is a wholesome fact that the falls carry with them, almost universally, a realization, however slight, of the wrong and the injustice. Almost all the plays we see, and almost all the books we read, proclaim in the end, the triumph of honesty and chastity, and the degradation of knavery, sin and brutality.

"The Soul Kiss" is built upon a framework of immorality, offering as its most toothsome morsel, a disgusting exhibition of kissing, which can only be interpreted as an endeavor to portray the uncontrolled passions of a profligate. There are, of course, many to whom this side of human nature will appeal, and the author of an item of "The Soul Kiss" standard fully realizes it.

The writer's patience gave out after the opening absurdities of the second act, and he may have missed the moral, with right triumphant, but he is convinced that if moral there was, it must have been grand and penetrating to have escaped whole across that flimsy framework of literary and musical discord. A moral may be pointed through immorality, but if it needs a backing like "The Soul Kiss" it should be rich indeed.

We read that "The Soul Kiss" had a glorious career in America, and entered Victoria with a flare of trumpets, and loud acclamations, but this only proves that a few more experiences like it will convince us that the judgment of our friends across the line is correct, and that we are liable to be disgusted with what evidently pleases them.

In the writer's opinion, "The Soul Kiss" is a direct insult from those who offer it as a healthy amusement.

What is badly needed is a censor to prevent a literary and musical "would-be" from introducing a morality below the average upon a confiding public.

JOHN W. E. LAKER.

Largest Schooner

The six-masted schooner Wyoming, the largest wooden schooner in the world, was launched a few days ago from the yard of her managing owners, Messrs. Percy and Small, at Bath, Maine. The vessel is the seventh six-masted craft built at the yard. She is 304 ft. long, 50 ft. beam, and 304 ft. deep, gross tonnage, 3,730, net 3,036, and her coal carrying capacity is placed at al-

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64 x 84. Per pair	\$8.50
68 x 88. Per pair	\$9.75
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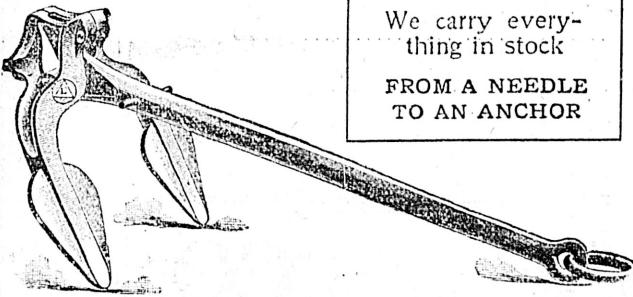
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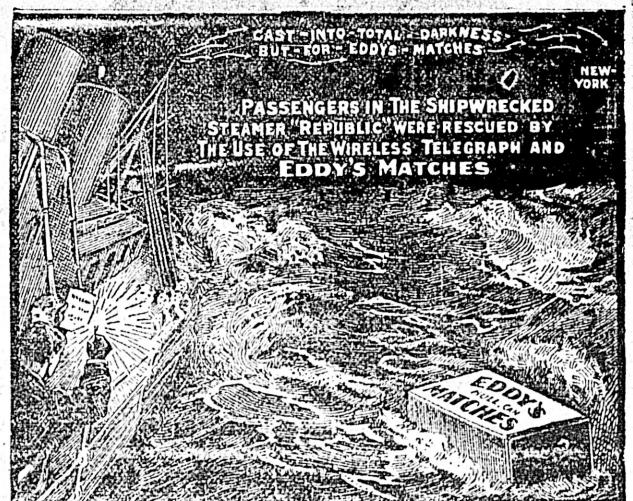
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Ladies of the Macabees
Ladies of the Macabees hold a social and dance in room 3, A.O.U.W. hall this evening.

Christmas Tree.
St. Columba Sunday School Christmas tree and entertainment will be held tomorrow evening at eight o'clock.

Local Option in Atlin.
Returns of the Atlin election of the 25th ult. show that Local Option lost in that district, the vote being 67 for and 72 against.

The British Israel Association.
Victoria branch of the British Israel association meets this evening at 8 o'clock, in No. 1 hall of the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street.

School Board Meets.
A special meeting of the school board will be held this afternoon when a number of matters of routine will be considered thus finishing up the work of the year.

Gift to Fire Chief.
Fire Chief Davis was remembered on Christmas Day by the members of the entire department when he was the recipient of a handsome solid silver and cut glass ink stand.

Statement Corrected.
The agency for the Blériot monoplane, ascribed to the Plimley Automobile Company, should have been credited to the Western Motor and Supply Co., Ltd.

Take out Permits.
Building permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to W. N. Mitchell for a frame office building to be erected on Yates street, to cost \$200, and to W. Josephs for a dwelling on Elberts street to cost \$1,600.

Opened New School.
Hon. Price Ellison, minister of public lands, is not expected to return from Okanagan until tomorrow evening. The new minister was yesterday afternoon pleasantly employed in formally opening the new public school at Armstrong.

New Inspectors.
Chief Inspector Peck is expected to return to the Capital tomorrow evening and after consultation with him, Hon. Mr. Taylor expects to be in a position to announce on Thursday the names of the new appointees as provincial inspectors of steam boilers.

Remember Stalwarts.
The occasion of the festive season was taken advantage of by the many friends of the police force to remember the guardians of the peace. Cigars and other gifts were sent in abundance. To each and every donor the police extend their thanks and good wishes.

Harry Launder Not Coming.
It is authoritatively stated that Harry Launder will not visit Victoria professionally during his forthcoming tour of the Pacific provinces and states. He will be at Vancouver on the 19th. Of course Launder is barred from appearing at any of the "Trust houses, among which are numbered the Vancouver Opera House and the Victoria Theatre.

The Pacific Salmon.
That the Pacific salmon industry is being overworked, was the view expressed by Professor J. P. McMurrich, in a lecture given in the science building of the University of Toronto, a few evenings ago. Since the bulk of the Pacific salmon pack is marketed in Great Britain and Australia, it was argued that regulations of the pack is not a local question, but one that should be imperially regulated.

Fireman's Entertainment.
Tickets for the concert and dance to be given on New Year's eve by the members of the fire department at the headquarters station are now on sale and are going rapidly. The concert programme will be of the best and the committee in charge is working hard to make this, the first of the New Year's entertainments to be given by the department, an unqualified success. Following the concert dancing will be indulged.

To Establish Colony.
Arrangements have been virtually completed by C. Michelsen, representing a party of 120 Scandinavian residents of Oregon and Washington, for the establishment of these in a colony on the West Coast of the Island not far from Bamfield cable station. The new colonists have been attracted through the activities of the Island Development League, and purpose securing employment in pending railway construction works for the ensuing few years, afterwards engaging in mixed farming upon the lands they are taking up as homes.

Cable Repaired.
Telephonic communication between Victoria and the mainland, after an interruption of at least a fortnight, has been re-opened. The steamer Restorer has been engaged in repair work for a week and yesterday the break, which was located in the neighborhood of Telegraph Creek, San Juan Island, was mended. From the time it was reported that the cable was out of commission Victoria merchants have been put to considerable inconvenience. Now it will be possible to enter into communication with the "Hello girls" at Vancouver, Seattle, and intermediate points.

Strenuous Christmas Eve.
Word has been received by the provincial authorities of the strenuous manner in which Provincial Constable H. E. Dufort, of Lillooet, spent his Christmas eve, the sequel being the apprehension of half a dozen Indians who had been members of a party of Sivashes unduly malingering under the stimulation of the forbidden hooch. The constable's attention to the celebration was attracted when the Indians began, in the otherwise quiet hours of the night, to give a vivid illustration of the extinct cowboys' festival of "shooting up the town." The officer of the law endeavored to foist calmer counsels upon the celebrants, and half a dozen shots were sent in his direction, with the result that he was led to declare that if the Sivashes did not stop shooting at him he would give a few of them a "darn good hiding." The promise was partially redeemed in the process of arrests, and the constable is in consequence voted by the now sorrowful Sivashes a "hiyoo skookum tlellum."

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Chinese Christmas Entertainment.
The annual Christmas entertainment of the Chinese Methodist church, Fisgard street, will be held this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. A programme will be rendered by the children of the Sunday school. The public are cordially invited to attend.

No Friends Here.
The provincial police authorities have not been able to secure any information of relatives or friends of the late David Bennett who was killed at midnight, Thursday, at Koksilah by being run down by an E. & N. work train. It is believed that Bennett, who had been employed by the G.P.R.R. quarry at Koksilah, had been in this city about a year ago. But if he had any friends or relatives here the police could not locate them. Accordingly instructions were given to have the body interred at Duncan yesterday which was done.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 27, 1909:

SYNOPTICS.

A vast area of abnormally high pressure over the North Pacific states and British Columbia, and under its influence the weather throughout its extent is chiefly fair and cold, with fog on the straits. In eastern Oregon on the plateau lands snow is lying on the ground, one inch at Spokand and three at Baker City. East of the Rockies the pressure is low, a cold front causing rise of temperature in Alberta; snow is falling at Prince Albert and Qu'Appelle and zero temperatures prevail in Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	31	38
Vancouver	25	33
New Westminster	20	32
Kamloops	8	20
Barkerville	14	26
Fort Simpson	30	36
Atlin	32	35
Calgary, Alta.	22	41
Winnipeg, Man.	8 below 41	38
Portland, Ore.	39	53
San Francisco, Cal.	46	53

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacifc Time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light to moderate northerly winds, generally fair and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold with fog.

SATURDAY.

Highest 37 |

Lowest 33 |

Mean 35 |

Rain and sleet, .15 inch.

SUNDAY.

Highest 40 |

Lowest 31 |

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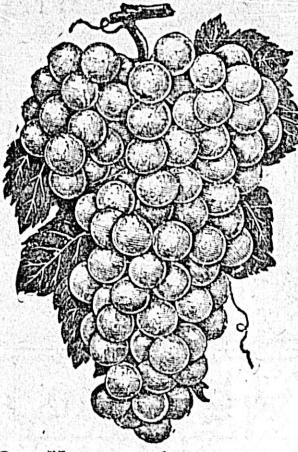
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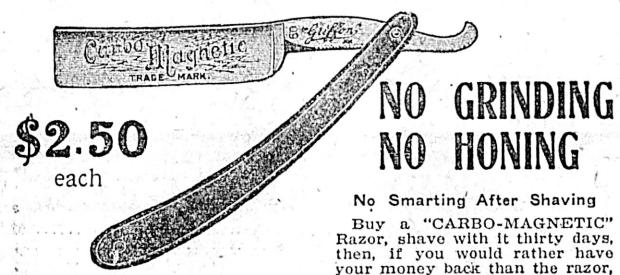
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Opposition to Proposed Civic Action as to Theatre Site Develops in Council

Opposition to the proposal of the city council to grant a site to the People's Opera House company, the organization of local gentlemen, who have for months past been doing their utmost to raise sufficient funds with which to erect a commodious theatre commensurate with the city's needs, has developed in the city council. The objection is based on the grounds that should the city give a site at the rear of the Empress hotel, on land owned by the city, the value of that land should be allotted to the city in stock of the company to be formed or at least an adequate annual rental for the land, should the property be leased, should be paid to the city.

At the last meeting of the council a bylaw was submitted and put through its first reading, which provided that if the city will give a site at the northeast corner of Douglas and Belleville streets, with a frontage on each street of 200 feet, the gentlemen behind the theatrical enterprise will organize a company to be known as the People's Opera House company, and erect a building of a value of \$100,000. The city would have certain rights with regard to the use of the building for public purposes and have a supervision over the charges to be made for public meetings or performances other than theatrical.

Must Go to People.

The measure came up for consideration again last evening, because of objections raised, it was laid over until a future date. Mayor Hall explained that for the city to lease or give away the land the bylaw would have to be put to the electors at the forthcoming civic election and if it were delayed it might not be ready.

It was Alderman Fullerton who raised the objection. He stated that under the bylaw as drawn the city would be giving away a gratis and valuable site which might be worth \$50,000 or more and certainly would increase in value. Some time ago a number of amusement promoters had wished land in the same locality and offered an annual rental of \$3,000, but the council refused to entertain the proposition. If the site is worth \$50,000 then the city should be given stock in the company to that amount. It was true a theatre would prove a source of amusement to a great many people but the city should be protected. Or if an adequate rental can be secured it might be proper to lease. In any such case he would approve of the scheme but not otherwise.

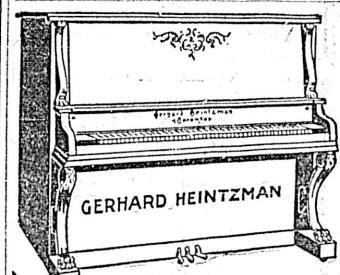
Alderman Fullerton believed that the bylaw in its present shape would not be passed by the ratepayers while Alderman Mable urged deciding at once whether the majority of the council favored the bylaw going before the people.

Alderman McNaughton, who introduced the measure, pointed out that the promoters of the theatre scheme believed that if the city gave the site and a \$100,000 building was erected thereon the value of the surrounding civic property would be greatly enhanced. However it was up to the council to decide.

It was finally decided to leave the bylaw until the meeting on Thursday evening when it could be further considered.

Money for Sooke Lake

The bylaw to be submitted to the ratepayers on election day, authorizing



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the city to raise \$1,500,000 to develop Sooke Lake as a source of water supply was put through its various stages, it will be duly advertised and voted upon on January 13 and if passed by the ratepayers will be given its final reading. The measure provides that the amount shall be secured on the water works system and property and the general revenue from the water works and property is \$1,476,125 and the estimated general revenue therefrom for 1910 is \$140,000. The annual interest charge at four per cent, will be \$60,000 and the sum of \$9,832 will be put aside annually for fifty years, the term of the loan, as a sinking fund.

Alderman Mable almost started another lengthy discussion on the merits of the Sooke Lake scheme when he suggested that it would be unwise to submit the measure on the date of the civic election. It should be left until the new council is elected. During the election campaign the people do not take as keen an interest in such matters as they should and besides the ratepayers would like to know what the composition of the council which is to spend the money will be, while further information on the scheme is not available.

Alderman Henderson declared the ratepayers want Sooke Lake and showed that when they turned down the bylaw to raise money to purchase the Esquimalt Water Works system. The election date was, he believed, the proper time to submit the bylaw as a much larger vote will turn out and thus defeat any efforts of interested parties to defeat the measure. As to the possibility of the new council not being such as the people would trust with any large expenditure, Alderman Henderson stated that only a very small portion of the \$1,500,000 would be spent next year or even in the year following. The work will take about five years and if the council in that period proves itself incapable the electors could change it at the next election. The people, Alderman Henderson declared, know what they want. The measure was then advanced as far as possible and will be submitted.

Money for Schools.
Prior to the consideration of the above measure that to authorize the raising of \$184,000 for school purposes was taken up. Under the impression that it was the water bylaw that was being voted on, Alderman Henderson arose and demanded an eloquent appeal on the necessity of passing it but the general laugh which greeted him drew his attention to his mistake and he was forced to subside until the measure he advocates came up. The school board bylaw calls for authority to raise \$184,000 though the amount actually required is \$174,000 net. The extra amount is asked for in order to provide for any possible discount at which the bonds may sell. The amount is to be used as follows: \$150,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a high school; \$14,000 for the addition of a four-room wing at the Victoria West school and \$10,000 for the erection of a frame school on the site recently secured at the corner of Bank street and Leighton Road. This bylaw will also be submitted to the ratepayers at the forthcoming civic election.

Mayor Hall informed the council that it will be impossible to submit another sewer bylaw to the ratepayers as was contemplated. When the last \$45,000 for sewer purposes was raised the city's credit for such purposes was pledged to the limit but as some \$35,000 of the old loan still remains there will be sufficient to carry on work until next spring when the city will be in position to put another bylaw.

The city solicitor was instructed to apply at the next session of the provincial legislature for an amendment to the Municipal Clauses' Act whereby the city will have the right to carry out the agreement with the company under which it binds itself not to, during the continuance of the agreement, pass any measure granting assistance to any other company or itself enter into competition with the company before an offer for the company's holdings here is made. In case the company refuses the offer then the matter will be arbitrated upon.

Admits No Liability.
C. W. Bradshaw, barrister, owner of property on Douglas street, wrote the council relative to the notices which have been served on each of the owners informing them of the intention of the city to pave that thoroughfare between Humboldt street and Fisgard street; that he is opposed to wood blocks, and does not recognize that the proceedings taken by the council to tax his property to meet the cost of the proposed pavement have been, or will be, effective in imposing any such tax. While he might not be in a position to prevent the laying of a wood block pavement, he wished to reserve all his rights with regard to the cost thereof being charged against his property.

At a recent meeting between some of the Douglas street owners and the council, Mr. Bradshaw was present, and made no objection to a permanent pavement being laid, but evidently he refuses to take a wood block pavement, though the members of the council have been led to suppose that all the owners are willing to leave the class of material to be used to the decision of the engineer, who favors wood blocks.

The city engineer and city assessor reported on the cost of the following works of local improvement: Permanent walk on both sides of Ontario street between Montreal street and St. Lawrence street, the total cost of which will be \$1,620, of which the city's share will be \$324; permanent walk on the north side of Simcoe street between St. Lawrence street and Dallas road, total cost \$1,163, city's share, \$233; curbs, gutters, and boulevards on both sides of Vancouver street, between Humboldt street and Pandora avenue, total cost \$10,564, city's share, \$2,112; grading, drainings, and rock-surfacing Mason street, between Quadra street and Cook street, and permanent sidewalks on both sides, total cost \$9,008, city's share \$1,775.

The Fire Wardens recommend that the sum of \$53 be paid to St. Joseph's hospital for medical attendance to ex-freeman Amerson, who was injured on April last while attending at a fire on Fort street. But the department will be notified that in future the council will not be responsible for any expense incurred by a member during the course of a fire or in performance of his duty.

Street Works.

The report of the streets, bridges, and sewers committee was adopted as follows:

Re communication of George Jeeves, calling attention to the condition of Blanchard street, and to the blocking up of the natural water course at the northeast corner of King's Road and Quadra street.

Recommended that the writer be informed that the city engineer has been directed to request the Victoria & Sidney Railway Co., who are responsible for the condition of Blanchard street, to

have the same repaired. With regard to the closing of the water course, all necessary catch-basins and connections have been completed, and no further complaint is anticipated in this locality by reason of the stopping out of the water course.

Re petition of A. W. Jones, et al., asking that McClure street between Vancouver street and Cook street, be improved.

Recommended that the petitioners be informed that steps have already been taken to construct a permanent sidewalk on the south side of said street, and boulevards on both sides, and that the improvement of the roadway in accordance with the wish of the petitioners will be undertaken in the near future.

Re communication of J. M. Malcolm, calling attention to the condition of the box drain on Hillside Avenue in front of his property.

Recommended that a new drain be constructed as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

Re communication of Wm. Fairall, complaining of an accumulation of surface water in front of his residence, Springfield Avenue.

Recommended that the writer be informed that it will be necessary for him to connect with the surface drain on said avenue before the nuisance can be abated.

Re petition of H. T. Gravlin, et al., protesting against the construction of boulevards on Hulton street.

Recommended that the petitioners be informed that it is not the intention to set out boulevards on this street, and that the loose earth dumped there is for the purpose of filling in the space between the sidewalk and the curb.

Communication of F. G. Wyatt, re flooding of his property, lots 35 and 36, block 24, 7 Rudlin Avenue.

Recommended that the writer be informed that on account of the low lying district where these lots are situated, the city can in no way be held responsible for the flooding of his property.

Recommended that sub-divisional plan of part of block 29, section 4, be an addition to registered plan No. 971, Victoria city, be approved by the council.

Meeting Postponed.

The monthly meeting of the Theatrical Stage Employees Local 168 has been postponed from Sunday, January 2nd until Sunday, January 8th, 1910, to allow the members of the above union to spend the day and evening with their relatives and friends.

Their Golden Wedding.

Tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare will receive at their residence, Blanchard street, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. They will be at home from 3 to 6 and from 8 to 10 p.m. No presents.

Mill Completed.

The reconstructed Brackman-Ker mill at the outer wharf will shortly be ready for business, the contractor, George Bishop, having about finished his job. The new building which replaces the one recently destroyed by fire is much more commodious than the old one, and is, besides, a much more substantial structure.

Paper on Northern Cariboo.

An address on "Northern Cariboo," by F. C. Swannell, of this city, was the feature of the regular meeting of the Natural History Society, held last evening. Mr. Swannell gave a graphic account of his impressions of the remote sections of British Columbia gleaned in the course of his recent tour in the capacity of a surveyor. He described the upper Fraser country, the Stewart Lake district, the Nechako valley, and the Telqua—all of which sections are prominently before the eyes of the public as a result of the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. His remarks were exceedingly interesting, and were rendered the more so by the display of one hundred or more slides of splendid photographs taken by himself. The members afterwards expressed themselves as exceedingly pleased, and accorded Mr. Swannell a hearty vote of thanks.

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Had Sympathy of Court

Cravens secured his bride only by strenuous fighting for her in the Superior Court, countering on the abduction charge by himself filing proceedings under habeas corpus last Wednesday afternoon.

The couple returned to the home of Mrs. Bertha Simpson, at Fort Street and Latoria Avenue, Seattle, on Dec. 16, and instead of receiving the maternal forgiveness, Mrs. Simpson seized her daughter and kept her under restraint.

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In Woman's Realm

Here and There

Up to the present, Canadian schools have not attempted to fit young people for the actual work of earning a living. It is true that many of the toil-worn farmers of a past generation declared that they hoped their sons would never have to work as hard as they had done. They, accordingly, worked more strenuously than ever and denied their children many things that the children should go to school. Then the brightest of them was sent to college, others found their way to the cities where they obtained situations as clerks and learned trades. The eldest, as a rule, remained on the farm and helped his father to support the younger children, till he, in his turn, married and had a family of his own.

Usually the country bred boys were successful, though many of them lived to realize that there was severer and more ill-paid drudgery than that of the farmer. The young men from the colleges entered professions, usually earning enough in the long vacations or by coaching to pay their own expenses. This was for them a training that helped to fit them for success in their chosen calling whatever it might be.

Each succeeding generation strove to give its children a better education than their fathers had received. It was but rarely that the boys who left home to go to high school or university returned to the farm. The consequence has been that in many districts good land has been left uncultivated for want of efficient labor. The evil, if it be really an evil, has been increased since the opening up of the west. Young men endured hardships, unthought of at home, both on the prairies and in the lumberwoods and mining lands of the west in the hope of making a fortune quickly. Thousands of them have, by their enterprise succeeded.

But gradually there has grown up among the people a belief that the life on the farm may be as profitable and vastly more pleasant than life in most occupations in the city. Besides this, it is realized that the future of the country depends on the successful cultivation of the land. The first of the provinces to meet the need for the special education needed for the farmers son was Ontario. It is many years since the agricultural college at Guelph was opened and, it is said to say that there is not a district from Victoria to Halifax where to some degree, conditions have not been improved owing to the influence of this school.

The splendid college at St. Anne de Bellevue, founded by Sir William Macdonald, and directed by Principal Robertson will send east and west men and women, imbued with a love of country life and fitted for agricultural pursuits by a knowledge of what science has discovered or experience taught concerning the land and its products.

It is not only in the outdoor operations of farm life that instruction is given. At Guelph, at Toronto and at Macdonald college, girls are taught in the domestic science classes the principles on which women's work in the home depends and are trained in its operations. It is too soon yet to tell whether these students will have less real culture than the men and women who graduate from the Arts Classes of the universities. The very important question whether the men who graduate from the agricultural school or the women who obtain a domestic science degree are as fit intellectually and morally for the duties of life as their fellow graduates in arts is one of very grave importance. The greatness of the country depends not only on what its people can do but upon what they are. In both cases these people will be leaders—that is if they have that in which them fits them for leadership.

But it is, after all only the few who can attend even in these days the university, whether to study agriculture, applied science or arts. There is a growing belief in most progressive countries that the mechanics, the farmers and the laborers who must form the greater part of any population, should not be allowed to grow to manhood and womanhood before they acquire any knowledge that will specially fit them for their future occupations. With that end in view manual training has been introduced in many schools. This, it is contended, gives all pupils a certain degree of manual skill which will make it easier to learn any trade. Cooking and sewing classes for girls tend in the same direction. In country districts it is believed school gardens would give the children a love for rural occupations and no little practical knowledge which would be of use to them in after life.

But in Germany, Sweden and other countries these experiments have gone farther. There are trade schools, where boys while becoming proficient in the ordinary branches of a common school education are fitted to earn their living in a variety of ways. These are apart from the technical schools of the large cities which are entered after ordinary days are over and where still in the more difficult handicrafts or in manufactures is required.

In Toronto, Montreal and Halifax such schools are already established but nothing corresponding to trade schools exist anywhere in Canada, unless indeed in the informatories. Perhaps in the Canada of today ex-

cept for farmers the greatest demand is for unskilled labor. A vast amount of work must be done that needs above all else, strength of body. But when our railroads are built, our streets completed and our waterworks systems perfected there will be work for the next generation to do in competing with the workers of the world in our own and in foreign markets. Are our present systems of education the best that can be devised to make of Canadians a great and efficient people?

Mrs. Pankhurst has returned to England disappointed, so it is said, with the result of her mission. This is a matter of congratulation to all women on this continent. We, in Canada at least, have no grievances that would give the slightest excuse for such a policy as the suffragettes of Great Britain are pursuing. There are few occupations which are not open to us and few privileges which are denied us. We have a great country to develop and in preparing our children to do their part in it, most of us feel that we have all that we have strength to accomplish. It is for these children's sakes that many women desire the franchise. There are conditions, especially in the cities, which most of us think might be improved. Most mothers believe they ought to have a voice in choosing those who are trusted with the management of the schools. But they prefer to exercise what influence they already possess and to wait till their husbands and brothers feel the need of their assistance to making any great agitation. They are very certain that nothing they could gain by voting would compensate them or the country for the loss of those qualities which have, in all ages, gained the love and respect of men. So they bid goodbye without regret to Mrs. Pankhurst, able as she is admitted to be, and charming as those who met her in Toronto assert that her manners are.

The sentencing of another lad to the reformatory reminds us of the necessity of a juvenile court and yet more of a detention home and probation officer. The robberies for which these lads were convicted were not, it is safe to say, the first they had committed. If when kindhearted property owners first noticed that these boys were dishonest they could have felt that their offence would have been wisely dealt with and received fitting punishment without exposing them or their parents to the disgrace of publicity. Little offence might not have been condoned till the habit of dishonesty had grown too strong to be resisted. There are other children who are on the road to ruin. Excellent as the reformatory may be it is neither kind, wise nor right to allow children to grow up so as to fit themselves as inmates for it. The establishment of a juvenile court is one of the matters which the Women's Council have undertaken to advance and in the work they ought to have the co-operation of all the fathers of the city.

The British professional record for the 220-yard dash was lowered by N. J. Cartmell, the American sprinter, the other day, when he defeated A. Postle, the Australian champion, by three yards in a race of that distance, covering the ground in 21 1/2 seconds.

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7 Waltz Prince of Tonight
8 Two Step Ah! Si vous vous
9 Waltz Gloria
10 Two Step His Highness
11 Two Step Extras
11 Two Step Teddy Bear's Picnic
12 Waltz Soul Kiss
13 Two Step Love Me All the Time
14 Waltz Verschmaakte
15 Two Step Sweeps Intermezzo
16 Waltz Espana
17 Two Step Four Hundred
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REMAINS UNCHANGED**

Officials Declare That Malicious Representations Have Been Circulated

The report that the soccer men of the British Columbia mainland have called a general meeting, to which the Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U. has not been invited, to consider the amateur-professional controversy, is emphatically denied by the secretary of the Vancouver Island organization. He declares that the assembly announced is bona fide, that Dan O'Sullivan, president of the Island body, will attend as the representative of this district and that the situation will be thoroughly ventilated and a sincere and an earnest endeavor to reduce the prevailing chaos to order will be attempted.

It is made clear by local officials that, while the suspension of those soccer players who have played against the Nanaimo and Ladysmith teams, which have among their number men who outside of football are pros, is made ineffectual for the time the B.C.A.A.U. has not renounced, or agreed to a compromise of the principle for which a stand has been made since the beginning of the trouble. The Union, in other words, is of the opinion that, if sport is to be kept clean on the Pacific coast, the ruling of the Canadian Federation regarding an amateur must be adhered to in the strictest possible manner. That the reason there has been so much dissatisfaction in British Columbia is be-

cause of the vague and indistinct line drawn between the two classes is the contention of the local members of the Union. While making this claim they recognize the seriousness of the disension which has arisen as a result of placing a literal interpretation on the central body's definition of an amateur, and Mr. O'Sullivan will attend the conclave at Vancouver with an open mind and with the determination that, if it is possible to come to a consistent settlement he will lend whatever course is devised, his hearty approval and that of the Island branch of the Union.

Meanwhile it is Mr. O'Sullivan's desire, it is likewise that of others belonging to the organization responsible for the recent cleavage, that their position be kept free from misrepresentation. They are standing, it is stated, for clean sport, for sport conducted on the lines laid down by the highest authorities, for the only system which, in the long run, will be found to work in the interests of athletics and the athlete. And so they advise those outside of the whirlpool of the fight to stand pat, to watch developments, and not to jump to conclusions founded on the maliciously false reports which are being circulated in sporting circles every day.

**ORIENTALS FIND
SPORT STRENUOUS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Three Japanese football players were injured yesterday in a free-for-all fight which followed the second annual contest between the Chinese Imperial elevens and the Japanese Fuji team, playing the American game. All of the players and many of the Oriental spectators joined in the hostilities, which were continued until a riot call summoned a squad of police to the grounds. One of the injured, T. Oaki, suffered a possible fracture of the skull, and Y. Kawabata was treated at a hospital for five gashes, made with some sharp instrument, and numerous bruises and contusions.

One other Japanese player was slightly injured.

The game resulted in a victory for the Japanese team by a score of 10 to 0. The Chinese players took the ball from the field. The Japanese believed they had won possession of the ball by winning the game and set out to recapture it. A fight followed which ranged all over the field. Umbrellas, sticks, stones and knives were brought into play, and when the police arrived three of the Japanese were down.

Miss Ethel Lawson, from Vancouver, spent Christmas in Victoria, the guest of Mrs. Raynor Kingston street.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Rugby. Vancouver beat Berkeley University in first of series for Keith trophy, 3 points to nil.

Association Football. Victoria West beat A. O. F. in Island League match at Oak Bay; 5 goals to 0.

Beacon Hill beat Esquimalt in Second Division match at the Hill; 2 to 1.

Fifth Regiment beat Y. M. C. A. in Second Division game; 4 to 3.

North Ward beat Barcasa in Second Division game, 2 to 1.

North Ward beat Empress in exhibition match at Oak Bay, 4 to 3.

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Captured Distance Event
of Christmas Day

By about one hundred yards, Brown, the Victoria West club's entry, captured the Empress Association's annual Christmas Day five mile race. Following was Carroll, picked for a winner by the members of the E.A.C. who still believe that he would have succeeded in holding the cup had the grueling pace not developed a "stitch" in his side when the course had been about three-quarters covered. The others were bunched closely behind with the one exception of Pinn, of the Fifth Regiment, who dropped out, very much the worse for wear, at Beacon Hill.

It was a fine race—one of the finest road contests that Victoria sportsmen have been privileged to witness. Christmas morning found Old Father Pluvius in a good humor. He had furnished clear weather, the cement sidewalks draped with a thin mantle of snow, and the roads in fairly good condition while a trifle on the soft side. But the atmosphere had a nip to it that made the boys throw their heads forward with the air of thoroughbreds and start off at the sound of the gun, handled by W. H. Wilkerson, with enthusiastic willingness. In short all were feeling in splendid fettle, the vision of a handsome silver cup was in everyone's mind, and the grind was begun at a whipping pace which critics correctly surmised could not be maintained for the full distance.

The Time

However, the race didn't slacken much. The five hundred spectators who gathered at the entrance of the hotel to watch the first scene had to wait exactly 25.25 for the finale. There were no incidents of special importance during the running with the single exception of the elimination of Pinn, of the Fifth Regiment, and the downfall of Carroll, who, until after circling the Beacon Hill track, was keeping well on even terms with the swinging stride set by the athlete from across the harbor. At this critical juncture he was assailed with pains, and, although he kept doggedly at the grind, he wasn't able to hold his own with the free moving leader. And so those assembled at the wire saw Brown first, and about one hundred yards behind the Empress Athletic club's favorite. The results in detail follow:

The Results

1. Brown, V.W.A.A.
2. Carroll, E.A.C.
3. Brethour, Sidney.
4. Cervi, E.A.C.
5. Kersey, E.A.C.
6. Coates, N.W.A.A.
7. Case, J.B.A.A.
8. Johnson, Y.M.C.A.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. H. D. Helmcken in the rotunda of the hotel, those successful being congratulated in appropriate terms.

SCORED IN LAST MINUTE AND WON

Vancouver Fifteen Played Real
Rugby Against Berkeley's
Athletes

VANCOUVER, Dec. 25.—With but one minute of play left, McLorg, Vancouver's clever right-winger dashed over with a try and won the game for his side after a match which will remain in the memory of the 5,000 spectators as the hardest, most exciting and greatest rugby game ever seen at Brockton Point. Vancouver simply gave Berkeley no rest, but the splendid performance of the Californians kept a score on until time was nearly gone.

The demonstration which followed McLorg's score was remarkable. The crowd climbed the fences and as soon as the whistle for time, hundreds of spectators made a rush for the players and carried them off shoulder high.

Three points to nil was the final score for the shot at goal failed and the fact that Vancouver has thus won the first of the series of three games is most encouraging. California came here with a reputation and their display on Sunday showed that they had not been over-rated but Vancouver were simply immune.

The forwards played an absolutely brilliant game. They were faster than the Berkeley pack, controlled the scrum twice of the three times, packed well, heeled well and screwed the scrum cleverly. The result was that they played all over the Californians who seldom got a chance to open out.

Behind the scrum McLorg, Fyson and O. Sawers were always dangerous and the display shows that at last Vancouver has a team which can go in and play real rugby, against the best.

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A.O.F. OUTCLASSED BY VICTORIA WEST

Five to Two Result of Island
League Soccer Match on
Christmas Day

Victoria West, 5; A. O. F., 2. The superiority displayed by the lads in green in the Christmas Day Island League soccer match with the A.O.F. was a surprise. That the V.W.A.A. eleven would win was the consensus of opinion, but that they would display such a distinct lead over their local rivals, after that exhibition furnished by the Foresters in their match with Nanaimo, upset all calculations. And the win was not gained by anything that could be termed fluke. The Wests' goals were well earned—in brief the score indicates the respective strength of the teams as they fronted each other and on their play in this particular game. Spirited but Brief.

Incidents were not wanting, and one at least was exciting. It occurred a few minutes after Referee Sydney Thompson had blown the whistle which set the ball in motion. The principals were Wright, of Victoria West, and Clegg, of the A.O.F., who, after coming together rather hard in a rush, resented the rude shock and thereafter showed an inclination to treat the spectators to an impromptu exhibition of boxing. Wright let loose a "haymaker" that didn't find its mark and Clegg returned the compliment. He missed once but the next time landed and Wright tumbled in a heap. His Irish blood boiling at this gross infringement of the rules, at such a flagrant disregard of his authority, Referee Thompson advanced on the combatants and majestically waved them from the field announcing

THE RACE'S PROGRESS.

The standing of the Second Division teams follows: P. W. D. L. Pts.
Beacon Hill, 10 9 0 18
North Ward, 8 7 0 1 14
Victoria West, 7 5 1 1 11
Empress, 9 4 0 5 8
Esquimalt, 9 3 1 5 7
Fifth Regt., 9 2 2 5 6
Barcasa, 9 1 2 6 4
Y. M. C. A., 9 1 0 8 2
Games to be replayed—Y. M. C. A. vs. Barcasa; North Ward vs. Beacon Hill; North Ward vs. Victoria West; North Ward vs. Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Victoria West; Barcasa vs. Victoria West; Empress vs. Fifth Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Y. M. C. A.

in stentorian tones that they were off for the game. Thoroughly cowed, and glancing loweringly at each other, the discomfited players retired and spent the rest of their time disconsolately looking on.

Two Heroes

Victory for the Wests was gained mainly through the efforts of two forwards, namely, Messrs. Buxton and Bailey. The former scored three and the latter two. While Buxton is deserving of praise for the really magnificent way in which he filled his place on the extreme of the left wing and while credit is coming to Bailey for his well-earned success, it should not be overlooked that their scoring would have been impossible had it not been for the splendid defence and the first-class forward combination of the entire eleven. The bunch played as a bunch. Selfishness was lacking. Every man sent the ball where he thought it would do most good, declining to take chances to gain the kudos of the "gapping multitude."

Talking about incident it should be pointed out that no less than four neutrals were awarded the A.O.F. The fact that only one of these was converted is a fitting commentary on the Forester's play. It was Malcolm who sent the sphere past Beaney. Pearson made the other for his team after some first-class work among the forwards. But the A.O.F. team played in anything but its usual style.

The Teams

The personnel of the teams follows: Victoria West—Beaney, Whyte, Frost, Kinloch, Bailey, Petticrew, Buxton, McKittrick, Sedger, Wright and Sherer.

A.O.F.—Miller, Lorimer, Wilson, Telford, Malcolm, Clegg, Sellars, Stewart, Pearson, Young and Dakers.

Second Division Games

Or the four second division soccer matches played on Saturday, three of the league series, the other an exhibition contest, there was nothing of special importance. The Beacon Hill defeated Esquimalt and the North Wards triumphed over Barcasa. Thus they still hold their respective places in the race. The detailed scores will be found in the day's summary published on this page.

AT HALF TIME

Dorando is coming to America again. He has cabled an acceptance of the challenge issued by Hayes for a full Marathon distance race at San Francisco. The event will take place this Saturday, the 16th of next month.

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significance from the fact that a meet is being held at the Emeryville track.

Bat Nelson admits that his most formidable rival this side of the pond is Ad Wolgast. The little Dutchman has come into his own and there are many who believe that he will give the holder of the belt something of a run for the money—if he doesn't knock the literary pug from the pedestal from which he has been crowing these many moons.

Victoria's soccerites shouldn't imagine that British Columbia is the only place in the North Pacific where the sport is indulged in. On the other side, just eighty miles away at the outside, there is a league in full swing which comprises teams representative of Tacoma, Seattle, and the different smaller towns in that vicinity. At present Tacoma has a slight lead.

The British Columbia Amateur Union handed provincial sportsmen an acceptable Christmas box when it was decided to allow the suspensions which would follow with the strict enforcement of the C. A. A. U. ruling next month's conference at Vancouver. It was a wise move, a diplomatic move, and may have the effect of straightening out the tangle without further disagreeable dissension.

Hal Chase, well-known to Victoria baseball fans, was hurt in an indoor match the other day and it is reported that the New York enthusiasts were badly frightened when the news reached them. Chase is considered the finest first baseman in the world despite the fact that the statistics issued don't give him any better than thirteenth place. But then it must be remembered that he takes chances that no other player would dream of.

**DRYDOCKS FOR
ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC**

Representative of Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson Conferring With Government.

Mr. De Sola, who has been in Canada for some weeks as representative of Swan & Hunter, the great British shipbuilding firm of Newcastle-on-Tyne, investigating the feasibility of establishing drydocks and shipbuilding plants in Canada, is in Ottawa conferring with members of the government relative to the conditions which may be relied upon in the matter of government subsidies for drydocks, orders for new naval vessels, etc. Nothing definite has yet been decided upon, but it is understood that the firm contemplate the establishment of drydocks and repairing plants both at Halifax and at Victoria or Vancouver.

Swan & Hunter and Wigham Richardson and Cammell Laird & Co. have received orders for two immense floating docks for the British Admiralty which are to be used for docking Dreadnoughts. They will have lifting capacity of 33,000 tons and will be 100 feet wide and 680 feet long.

SAVED CARGO OF MONEY FROM JUNK

Big Load of Cash Without Great Value
Saved With Crew of Sinking Craft.

The salvage of a cargo of money in the Yellow sea was reported by arrivals on the steamer Ningchow of the Blue Funnel Line which reached port on Sunday. The Nippon Yusen kaisha steamer Takeshima maru which reached Nagasaki from Chefoo reported having found two junks in distress off North Shantung. The steamer bore down and took off their crews. One of the junks was loaded with money and the crew refused to leave. She had a very heavy cargo of cash, although its intrinsic value was not great in comparison with its bulk. The junk, bound from Yentai to Weihaiwei, was laden with copper cash, of which no less than 140 make the equivalent of five cents of Canadian currency. There was cash in strings to the value of a thousand dollars, and the cargo was boated to the Japanese liner and handed over to the Chinese consul at Nagasaki.

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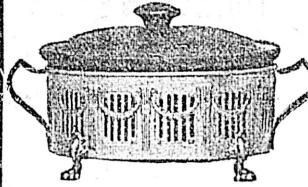
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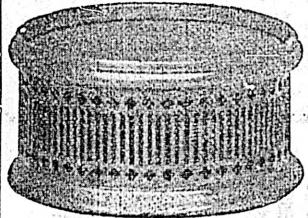
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

C. Campbell has returned to Alberni.

R. M. Palmer arrived in England yesterday.

Hon. Richard McBride is paying a flying visit to Vancouver today.

H. E. Fitzgerald, of Alberni, is paying the Capital a business visit.

Miss Kate Nicholas is visiting her parents in Alberni.

William Russell has left for Alberni to take up his residence there.

Mrs. D. E. Ker and family are visiting Alberni friends.

R. Hill and wife, of Vancouver, spent Christmas with Victoria friends.

C. B. Burns, of Dawson, is an Empress guest.

W. H. Whittle, of the City of Mexico, is an Empress guest.

The Misses Whiting of Victoria are visiting friends in the Similkameen.

R. F. and Mrs. Green spent Christmas with Mr. Neil F. Mackay of Kaslo.

F. C. and Mrs. Wolfenden are Christmas visitors with relatives and friends here.

Charles and Mrs. Beckensell, of Seattle, are holidaying guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Steers of Vancouver street.

H. E. and Mrs. Browne have returned to Alberni, after a pleasant stay with Victoria friends.

Mrs. and Miss Calne, of Seattle, are Christmas-week visitors with friends in this city.

A. Sproat of Alberni, is spending the Christmastide with his family here.

Miss Dorothy Roblin has returned to New Alberni, after a pleasant visit with Victoria friends.

D. Dalzell, wife and family, and Robert Currie, all of De Winton, Alta., are visiting Victoria.

Angus McRae and his bride spent Christmas with Mhs. McRae's mother, Mrs. Pudney, Nanaimo.

Miss Bonnie Davis is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Davis of Nanaimo.

J. S. Dennis, C.P.R. land commissioner, from Calgary, is spending a few days at the Empress.

Frederick A. and Mrs. Caton, of Kaslo, are spending the holidays in the Capital, and are at the Empress.

Sidney Leslie is spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Haddock of Ashcroft.

G. A. and Mrs. Henderson have returned to Vernon, after a pleasant holiday visit with friends on the coast.

A. W. McCallum and J. R. Mitchell, of Calgary, and H. P. Dickenson, of Rossland, spent Christmas as Empress guests.

His Honor Judge Barker, of Nanaimo, is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law, E. H. Russell, B. A., of Boyd street.

Miss Gertrude Meyer, of Vancouver, is visiting during the holidays at the home of her parents, Captain and Mrs. William Meyer of Dallas Road.

Dr. B. C. Richards, of Seattle, returned to that city last evening, after spending the Christmas with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. F. G. Richards.

Miss Uren, who has been spending some months with relatives and friends at the Capital, has returned to her home in Savona.

Temple Godman, the well known London financier, with Fred. H. Godman and Mrs. Southgate, also of London, are at the Empress.

Mrs. Stannard is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Yarwood, Newcastle Townsite. She is accompanied by Miss Netta Stannard.

Baron Heinrich von Netzeblad, a distinguished educationalist and writer of Buffalo, is expected to spend the last few days of the year with Victoria friends.

Ovington Watt, of Bradstreet's staff, Vancouver, returned to the Mainland on this morning's boat, after having spent Christmas with his parents at Duncan, Nanaimo street.

Dr. Evans and Miss Buzzard, of Seattle, returned to that city last evening, after spending the holidays most enjoyably with Sheriff and Mrs. Richards.

Mr. R. T. Fitzpatrick, of Fitzpatrick & O'Connell, left Saturday night on a buying trip, and will visit the markets of Toronto, Montreal and New York before returning.

Hon. T. A. and Mrs. Macdonald and family arrived Christmas evening to take up their residence here. Until their own new home is ready for them, they are at the Empress.

Misses Lois Steers and Wynn Coman, of Portland, whose musical attractions are this season being offered patrons and supporters of the Victoria Musical society, with Mrs. M. H. Steers, also of Portland, were Christmas guests at the Empress.

Colonel Carey, of the Royal Engineers, who for some time past has been stationed at Dublin has arrived in Victoria, accompanied by Mrs. Carey, and they intend spending the rest of the year at the Empress.

The Girl and the Bee.

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P. D. Hillis went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

A. W. Langley left last night on the Princess Charlotte for Vancouver.

Mrs. John Johnson left last night via the C. P. R. on her return to Winnipeg.

Mrs. H. G. Lawson left last evening via the Northern Pacific on a visit to Berkeley, Cal.

Richard Angus left last evening via the Northern Pacific on a business trip to San Francisco.

John Clayton and son have left for Los Angeles on a three months' trip to Los Angeles.

A. C. Flumerfelt went over to Vancouver last night on a short business trip.

Miss Bowron returned on the Princess Charlotte yesterday from a holiday spent in Tasmania.

Mr. Frank Stevenson, the local stock broker returned to the city yesterday from a short business trip to the Sound.

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Mr. and Mrs. George E. Moss of Seattle but formerly residents of this city spent Christmas day and Sunday in the city.

Mr. T. Sullivan who for several years has been absent from this city and is now a resident of Seattle yesterday paid a visit to his former home.

Miss Herma Wilson, connected with the Crane Company of Seattle returned to Seattle last night after a pleasant holiday visit with her parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Duddafield left last evening via the C. P. R. for New York, whence they will sail on the White Star liner Laurentian on an extended trip to the Old Country.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte for Vancouver last night were J. D. Bell, Mrs. James, E. W. Hawkins, Miss King, Dr. Bamford, A. Grant, D. Herbert, D. F. Ayres, Mrs. Hurst, Miss McDonald, Miss Neville, Miss Irving, L. Cuthbertson.

At the residence of Mr. Wilber Bell, Edmonton road, on Saturday evening, Miss Ida Gertrude, his second daughter, and Mr. George Henry Rolland, were united in the bonds of matrimony. Rev. T. E. Holling, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, officiated, the contracting parties standing beneath a large and beautiful bell of holly. Miss Baker played the wedding march.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place in St. Paul's church, Victoria West on Friday evening, when Mr. C. Hutchison, manager of Hutchison Bros., was united in marriage to Miss Effie C. B. Croft, of Discovery Island. The groom was supported by Mr. William Dixon, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edith Croft. After a honeymoon trip to Vancouver and Sound cities, the young couple will make their home in their newly-erected residence on McPherson avenue, Victoria West. The Rev. D. MacRae conducted the marriage service.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a dress of white net and real lace with pearl trimming over white silk. She wore a bridal veil with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Miss Flossie Baker was bridemaid, and Miss Estelle Bell, a niece of the bride, acted as flower girl. The former wore pink silk and carried a bouquet of carnations to match, while the latter was gowned in white silk and carried a basket of pink carnations. Mr. Shinn, of Vancouver, supported the groom. A pendant of pearls was the groom's gift to the bride; a pearl brooch, to the bridemaid, and a pearl stick pin that to the groomsman.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party and the guests sat down to supper, the table being tastefully decorated. A number of the young lady friends of the bride were responsible for the adornment and the cuisine and it reflected credit upon their energy and taste. Afterwards a short and impromptu musical program was rendered. Vocal solos were contributed by the Misses Sherriff and Cocker, Mrs. Bell and Miss Edith Bell. Miss Steel gave a piano solo.

Many beautiful presents were received by the evening boat for Vancouver and Sound cities. The young couple will take up their residence.

The invited guests were: Rev. T. E. and Mrs. Holling, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Bell and Miss Estelle Bell; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bell and Miss Edith Bell of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ball and the Misses Baker, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Christie, Master Edgar and Miss Nancy Christie, Mrs. Robert Barber of Seattle, Dr. and Mrs. S. G. Clemence, Mr. and Miss Miller, Mrs. and Miss Foxall, Miss Sherriff, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Stone, Miss Cocker, Mr. Shinn, Mr. Cleary, Mrs. and Miss Paterson, Mr. and Miss Steele, Miss Sara Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grant, Miss Edith Grant, Mrs. John Grant, Miss Tillie Grant, Mrs. and Miss Teague, Miss Conyers, Mr. P. L. Randal, Mr. P. S. McCutcheon, Mr. Pyne, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Thrasher of Regina, Mr. MacEachran, Mr. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Sherridan, Mr. Ullmann, Mr. W. Whiting, Miss Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Balding.

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The Misses Lovell have returned to Victoria, after a six months' visit to England, returning home through the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Holston and Miss Rolston, and Mr. Ted. Parry, spent Christmas in Duncan, and returned to town on Sunday.

Mr. J. Gillis, school inspector, is over from New Westminster, and is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. H. B. Phillips, from Tacoma, who has been spending the past week in Victoria, left on her return home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery, from Ottawa, spent Christmas in Victoria the guests of relatives. They are leaving for home at the end of this week.

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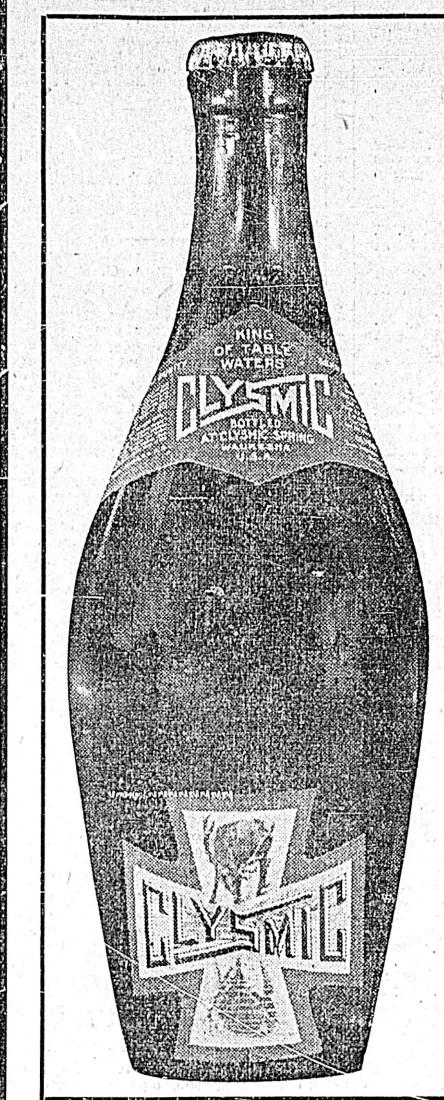
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Captain Richards from Boston, Mass., who has been visiting relatives in the city, went over to Vancouver on Christmas night.

Among week-end visitors in town from Vancouver were: Messrs. T. E. Wilson, T. Jenkins, J. A. Shand, W. M. Gowell, A. T. Crighton, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Worsnop, Stanley McLeod, D. T. Glendon Moody and Mrs. Moody, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hill, Mr. William F. Gardner and Mr. W. G. Mackenzie.

Among recent visitors in Vancouver from Victoria have been Mr. J. Mowat, Mr. A. J. Buttler, Mr. E. A. Ballwall, Mr. V. A. Wolfenden, Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Gardiner, E. F. W. Ross, D. Boscowitz, T. E. Wilson, H. J. Hoffer, T. F. and Mrs. Sinclair, Thomas Jenkins, Robert Cassidy, K. C. William, B. Bowell, A. T. Crighton and Franklyn Moffatt.



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The Sullivan.

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Boston Despatch Which Finds Little Credence on Pacific Says They May Be Brought Around Horn.

The steamer Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company arrived on Christmas night, with a meager complement of passengers, of whom S. J. Burford, of the United States Immigration service, and A. B. Clark and wife debarked here, with four second-class passengers.

According to a report from Boston, which finds little credence, however, among Pacific coast shipping men, there is some likelihood of the turbine steamers Yale and Harvard being brought to this coast to enter into competition with the Pacific Coast steamship company. The Boston despatch says: A plan to wind up the affairs of the Metropolitan Steamship company by the sale of its four freight steamers and the transfer of the twin-line passenger steamers, Harvard and Yale, to a new Pacific Coast steamship line, was announced today by John W. McKinnon and the Assets Realization company, the legal purchasers of the property at the recent foreclosure sale.

It is expected that the sale of four freight steamers, together with the \$1,000,000 of the Metropolitan's \$2,500,000 5 per cent, mortgage bonds, should the fast steamers Yale and Harvard be sent to the Pacific Coast, they would enter into competition with the boats of the Pacific Coast company.

A Seattle despatch in this connection says steamship men are inclined to regard the advent of the Yale and Harvard in the Pacific Coast trade as extremely problematical, as the vessels, they say, are unsuited for any of the different routes in the present state of the coast's development. The vessels were built for a fast passenger service between Boston and New York, and have berths for nearly 900 persons, with little cargo space. Steamship men point out that there is no route on the coast capable of maintaining passengers of this type at present or in the near future.

E. C. Ward, general agent of the Pacific coast Steamship company, said that he had heard nothing of the formation of a new company, and from his knowledge of the vessels he doubted that they would ever come to this coast, as there was no run for which they would be suitable.

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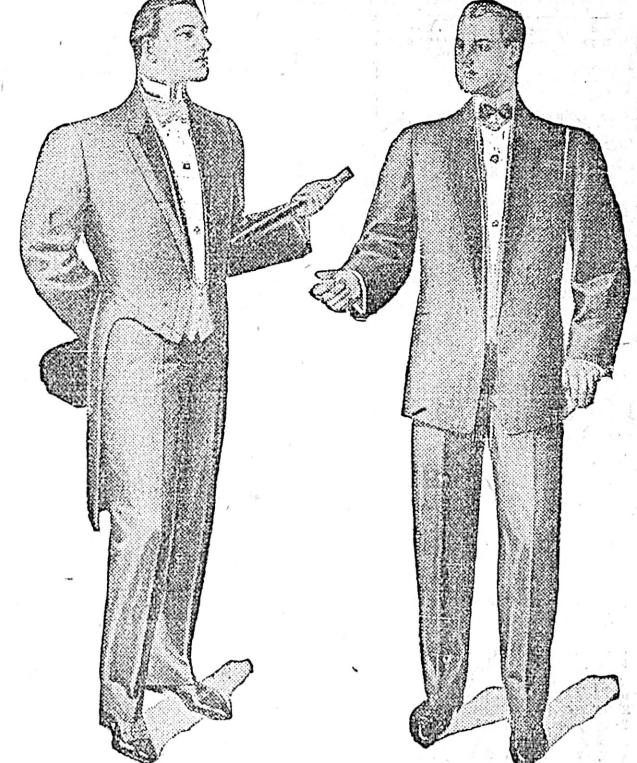
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Rear Admiral Kingsmill and Marine Department Officials Will Come to Esquimalt.

Advices received here state that Admiral Kingsmill and the deputy minister of marine and Col. Anderson, chief engineer of the Marine Fisheries department are going to Halifax to inspect the dockyard there with regard to its connection with the Canadian naval programme and will then come to Esquimalt and take over the Esquimalt naval yard from the In-

perial naval officers who received instructions some time ago to turn over the yard to Canada as soon as an official arrived to take charge.

The Canadian naval question has been made a factor in the election at Ottawa. J. A. Ellis, the independent candidate, in announcing his platform in this regard said:

I am in favor of Canada giving real assistance to the Imperial navy by at once contributing a Dreadnaught, and manning and equipping it as far as possible with Canadians. This would provide the nucleus for a fleet unit.

The proposed Canadian navy is, we are told, to consist of three second class unarmored cruisers, and 4 torpedo boats or destroyers of the river type.

I cannot see the exact service which a "navy" composed entirely of these classes of small warships would be either to Canada or the Empire.

The naval experts of Great Britain and also Admiral "Bob" Evans of the United States, agree that this kind of a "navy" is practically useless.

The British admiral says that local defence flotillas, consisting of torpedo craft, "cannot co-operate on the high seas in the wider duties of protection of its trade, and preventing attacks from hostile cruisers and squadrons."

The admiralty further states that unless a naval force, whatever its size, "can be gradually developed into a self-contained fleet capable of both offence and defence . . . it can never

take its proper place in the organization of an imperial navy. The fleet unit to be aimed at should therefore consist at least of the following:

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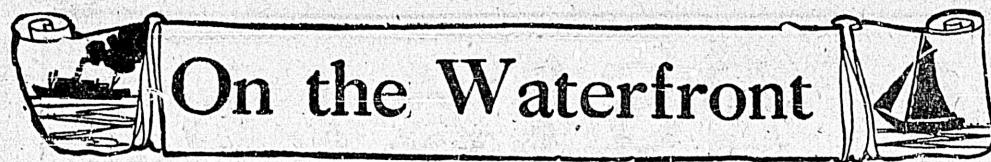
It is reported that the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique is to establish a new mail steamship service between France and Canada, receiving in return a subvention of \$3,000,000, of which each of the two countries will contribute equal shares.

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New Steamers Intended to Carry Freight and Passengers to Australia

The steamer Ningchow, of the Blue Funnel line, Capt. Allen, reached the outer wharf on Sunday morning, with 7,143 tons of general freight, about half of which is for Vancouver here, at Seattle, and Tacoma. From there the steamer is expected to return tomorrow to discharge 900 tons of general merchandise. She landed 90 Chinese passengers here. The Ningchow encountered heavy gale when near the meridian, and was delayed in consequence. On her homeward voyage from here the steamer carried 1,490 pilgrims from Singapore and Penang for Jeddah.

The chief officer of the Ningchow, Mr. Johnson, remained behind at Liverpool to join the new steamer Protelaus, of which Captain Campbell is to have command. The steamer will leave Liverpool about two weeks hence for this port. The three new 13,000 ton steamers, which the Holt line is about to build, according to those on board the Ningchow, are intended for the Australian trade. The firm has decided to enter the passenger trade between England and the Antipodes, and the steamers will be used for that service.

News of Collision.
The Ningchow was at Singapore the day following the disastrous collision between the British India steamer Onda and the French steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes, and some of the officers were saved, and talked with her crew and survivors of the disaster. They heard some blood-curdling incidents of the tragedy in which 33 lives were lost. One of the Ningchow's officers recounted some statements made to him by the chief officer of the Onda. He said the scene was awful. The sharks came in great numbers, dashing about among the people who were trying to keep themselves afloat, and at once engaged in an orgy of voracious slaughter, dragging victims under water, and dismembering them. The sea was marked by many spots of red, which told their own ghastly tale. Some of the survivors were badly lacerated. A Lascar in the hospital at Singapore had only a stump left to show where his leg had been bitten away.

Other Disasters.

Not since 1887, when the Fair Penang sank the Bentam and 110 were drowned, was there such a disaster in the Straits of Ria, a waterway leading to the Singapore, and two miles wide. Eighteen collisions have since occurred there. In 1894 the Nagpoota collided with the Kwantung near Penang, and 60 lives, mostly native, were lost, and the Teek Seng Guan and Aing Hoe collided in the Straits of Malacca and 50 lives were lost. Of recent years there were few, the last one of any consequence being in 1906, when the Russian hired trawler, the Haversham Grange collided with and sank the Bentong off Ria Chado Light and twelve Chinese lives were lost. The Ria Straits are narrow and intricate. They are on the high road to Java from Singapore.

Describes Scene.

The La Seyne went down in three minutes. Captain Davis, of the Onda, describing the collision, said: "I saw the starboard light of the French steamer, and thought she was passing rather too close to be pleasant, but 'green to green' would have been right enough, and as her light cleared my bow, I said, 'Thank heaven she's clear.' I then walked over to the compass to take bearings, when my officer exclaimed, 'Good God! she's coming into us,' and next instant the collision took place. The La Seyne, for some unknown reason, after crossing my bow, recrossed it, and we struck her a glancing blow on the port bow. She then drifted astern and sank."

One of the survivors, a sailor of the ship Daylight, said: "Some jumped, and many were thrown into the sea. Several were sucked down with the vessel. I was drawn down with her, and swallowed a great deal of water. A strong current was running, and we held on to pieces of wreckage. There was no time to lower boats on the French steamer. The English ship lowered three boats, and picked up many persons. I was an hour and a half in the water before I was picked up. We picked up an Armenian woman, but she died."

Terrible Sight.

Japanese correspondents at Port Arthur tell of touching scenes in connection with the visit of General and Countess Nogi to unveil the great monument erected to the memory of the Japanese troops who fell in the attacks on Port Arthur. Countess Nogi ascended 203 metre hill in a heavy downpour of rain to bid farewell to the soul of her son, Lieut. Nogi, who was killed there." She then went to Nanshan to take a similar farewell of her younger son who fell there."

"The Third Degree."

The French ship went down at once. The people were running about shrieking and screaming and calling for help. It was a terrible time. In the water it was worse. European women and children were crying to the boats to pick them up. Lifesavers and lights were thrown from the Onda, but the current was so strong we could not get to them. There were sharks about, and they attacked some of the people in the water. We four just managed to save our lives. Two of our mates are gone. The third engineer of the Onda was in the boat that picked us up, a shark attacked a Chinaman, and I saw him pushing off with a boat-hook, but it returned and took half his foot away with it. Among the native survivors four are injured; one Chinaman was badly cut by barnacles on the ship's side, and two others, a Malay and a Lascar, were hurt by falling gear. Three European ladies and four children were drowned."

The Rescued.

The work of rescue was taken up

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

By Government Wireless.
Tatooch, 2 a.m.—Clear, calm; a northeast wind, 30. Sea moderate. Bar. 30.23, temp. 32. Sea moderate. Passed out, steamer President at 6 p.m.; Lonsdale at 6.30 p.m. Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.28, temp. 31. Sea moderate. Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Fog, calm. Bar. 30.21, temp. 32. Sea smooth. Pachena, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. 30.26, temp. 29. Sea smooth. Four-masted schooner off Pachena, east wind, 30. Sea moderate. Estevan, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.32, temp. 32. Sea smooth. Cape Lazo, noon—Overcast and calm. Bar. 30.29, temp. 34. Sea moderate. Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, calm; thick seaward. Bar. 30.32, temp. 29.

Tatooch, noon—Cloudy, wind northeast, 17 miles. Bar. 30.35, temp. 39. Sea moderate. Pachena, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.34, temp. 39. Sea moderate. A whaler, westbound, at 2.30 p.m. Estevan, noon—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.36, temp. 35. Sea moderate.

with a vim, and in all nineteen Europeans and forty-two natives were saved by these three boats. Some of them were clinging to the life-boats previously thrown over, while others had hold of wreckage which kept them afloat. A few had been unable to lay hands on anything which would help them. One of these was a Chinaman, who was seen by the third engineer, Mr. Adam, just as he was going down. Mr. Adam, driven from the life-boat of which he formed a part of the crew, and reached the sinking man considerably the worse for the water he had consumed. The wreck was surrounded by shark-like bees around the homely-looking men of the uncomrades who were saved were mangled by them, and were sent to hospital on the Onda's return to Singapore. It is certain that many more lives would have been saved had it not been for these ravenous sea tigers. An European lady was picked up in an unconscious condition, but died soon afterwards, and her body was returned to the deep. A Chinaman was saved just as he was being attacked by a shark, which was driven off by a boat-hook wielded by one of the crew of a life-boat, but not before it had taken a bite out of the Celestial's foot so that the member will probably have to be amputated. Many were pulled down in the sea by sharks in sight of the crew of the Onda before they could be rescued. One of the four British seamen were among the rescued passengers, Glendenning by name, won the keenest admiration of his rescuers, by shouting to an approaching life-boat to save others who were calling for help, saying: "Never mind me! Go and get those who are more needy." This gallant seaman was surrounded by sharks at the time, but was confident of his ability to keep them off till the rescue of the more helpless was affected. His words were not heeded, however, and he was taken aboard and made himself exceedingly useful in helping others into the boat, despite the strain to which he must have been put while he was keeping the ravenous sharks at bay. A lady, holding by the hand a child about three years of age, was seen floating by while the rescue was in progress, but as both were evidently quite dead no attempt was made to take them aboard.

The Singapore papers brought by the Ningchow give many accounts of many acts of heroism on the part of those who were so suddenly called upon to fight for their lives. The action of Glendenning, the sailor, who in a water infested by sharks, called out to his rescuers to save others before they rescued him, the brave attempt of the gallant seaman was surrounded by sharks at the time, but was confident of his ability to keep them off till the rescue of the more helpless was affected. His words were not heeded, however, and he was taken aboard and made himself exceedingly useful in helping others into the boat, despite the strain to which he must have been put while he was keeping the ravenous sharks at bay. A lady, holding by the hand a child about three years of age, was seen floating by while the rescue was in progress, but as both were evidently quite dead no attempt was made to take them aboard.

News of Collision.

The Ningchow was at Singapore the day following the disastrous collision between the British India steamer Onda and the French steamer La Seyne, of the Messageries Maritimes, and some of the officers were saved, and talked with her crew and survivors of the disaster. They heard some

blood-curdling incidents of the tragedy in which 33 lives were lost. One of the Ningchow's officers recounted some

statements made to him by the chief officer of the Onda. He said the

scene was awful. The sharks came in

great numbers, dashing about among

the people who were trying to keep

themselves afloat, and at once engaged

in an orgy of voracious slaughter,

dragging victims under water, and

dismembering them. The sea was

marked by many spots of red, which

told their own ghastly tale. Some of

the survivors were badly lacerated. A Lascar in the hospital at Singapore had only a stump left to show where his leg had been bitten away.

Other Disasters.

Not since 1887, when the Fair Penang sank the Bentam and 110 were drowned, was there such a disaster in the Straits of Ria, a waterway leading to the Singapore, and two miles wide. Eighteen collisions have since

occurred there. In 1894 the Nagpoota

collided with the Kwantung near Penang, and 60 lives, mostly native, were lost, and the Teek Seng Guan and Aing Hoe collided in the Straits of Malacca and 50 lives were lost. Of recent years there were few, the last one of any consequence being in 1906, when the Russian hired trawler, the Haversham Grange collided with and sank the Bentong off Ria Chado Light and twelve Chinese lives were lost. The Ria Straits are narrow and intricate. They are on the high road to Java from Singapore.

Describes Scene.

The La Seyne went down in three

minutes. Captain Davis, of the Onda, describing the collision, said: "I saw the starboard light of the French steamer, and thought she was passing

rather too close to be pleasant, but 'green to green' would have been right enough, and as her light cleared my bow, I said, 'Thank heaven she's clear.'

I then walked over to the compass to take bearings, when my officer

exclaimed, 'Good God! she's coming into us,' and next instant the collision took place. The La Seyne, for some unknown reason, after crossing my bow, recrossed it, and we struck her a glancing blow on the port bow. She then drifted astern and sank."

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MASSES TROOPS IN SIBERIA

Russia Sees Menace of Second War in Japanese Activities in Manchuria

HURRYING THE AMUR RAILROAD

Railroads Are Weapons of the Preliminary Struggle

Russia is massing troops in Siberia, according to statements of travellers from North Manchuria and Siberia, published in Shanghai newspapers received by the Holt liner Ningchow, which arrived on Sunday from Liverpool and the Orient, with 7,130 tons of general cargo. Half a million troops are said to be encamped in the vicinity of Lake Balkal, and fifteen submarines are said to have been sent to Vladivostok. The building of the Amur railroad, 1,530 miles long, to cost \$150,000,000, is being hurried owing to representations of Russian officials that there is menace of a second war with Japan in consequence of the struggle for dominance in Manchuria, which one returned traveller dubs "the tinder box of the Orient." He says the Siberian border is the scene of great activity by Japanese spies, and Vladivostok and Harbin newspapers make complaints that the Japanese gunboat Hiyel has been surveying the Kamaichan coast. Chinese garrisons in Manchuria are growing, both along the line of the Chinese Eastern railway and neighborhood and that of the Mukden-Harbin branch. Against whom, it is asked, is China strengthening her northern boundary?

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"I can myself testify that quite a small city has already sprung into being immediately opposite Blagoveshchensk, on the Chinese bank of the Amur, at a spot where, as recently as the Boxer outbreak, there were few signs of human habitation. I am told that the Chinese are energetically working on a military line in the same direction, while on the Russian, or left, bank there is not so much as a single railroad, since it is as yet premature to speak of the Amur line, which, under the most favorable auspices, cannot possibly be finished in less than seven years.

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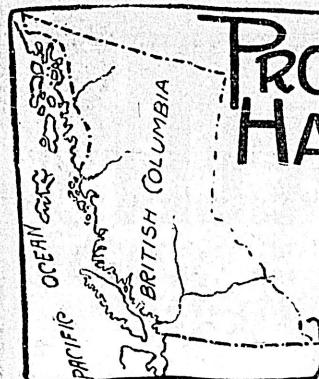
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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Tenders for clearing the new school site at Sparerton must be in the hands of the board secretary by the last day of the year.

Joseph Wayson, of Nelson, who twice attempted to shoot the Socialist leader, Frank Phillips, has been committed for trial on a charge of attempted murder.

Fernie has now a male voice choir of 25 voices, organized on the lines of Victoria's famous Arden club, and with James Cartwright as conductor.

Vernon's municipal elections are set for the 13th January.

The ice has formed a staunch bridge across the river at Alexandria.

J. W. Power is a candidate for the mayoralty of Kaslo.

Merritt Orangemen have decided to build a fine hall of their own.

Sixty carloads of coal were shipped from the Middlesboro mines last week.

Philip Laber has bought a half interest in the Orient townsite.

The senior and junior clubs of Nelson have amalgamated.

Dr. McEwen has resumed practice at Hedley. Dr. Hale removing to Princeton.

Jack Smitz, a Dominion policeman at Merritt, has been convicted and fined for drunkenness.

Mrs. Kate Hoffman, of Grand Forks, died suddenly at Spokane last Friday of heart disease.

The marriage took place on Christmas Day of Warren Mitchell and Zilpha Oxley, both of Phoenix.

The wedding was celebrated at Merritt last week of Melville Baillie and Miss Pauline Stevens.

A new postoffice is to be opened on New Year's Day at Shingle Creek with W. J. Armstrong as postmaster.

The Okanagan Fruit Union finds Australia an exceptionally good market for its fruit shipments.

The plant for the new Robb saw-mill has arrived at Okanagan Falls from the Ontario manufacturers.

Construction of the new water grade road from Okanagan Falls to Pentleton will be begun in the spring.

Friends of the late James Smith, drowned in Cultus Lake in the 2nd instant, have not yet been successful in recovering the body.

Steve Seaman, first mate of the steamer Okanagan, died last week at the Vernon general hospital, of typhoid fever.

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New Books in Verse

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The Tombola was drawn on the 27th inst. The winning numbers are as follows. Prizes will be given at the Yokohama Bazaar:

1st prize	5485	16th	122
2nd	1100	17th	2267
3rd	1005	18th	3922
4th	2756	19th	3337
5th	512	20th	2365
6th	2275	21st	14
7th	5405	22nd	480
8th	2072	23rd	2933
9th	5236	24th	4380
10th	319	25th	5478
11th	1679	26th	19
12th	42	27th	155
13th	3159	28th	4990
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15th	5333	30th	1680

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JOSEPH CHIDES HIS ERRING BRETHREN

The Stormy Petrel of Canadian Politics Writes in Characteristic Strain

Even in the excitement and constant activity of an election campaign in which he is himself a candidate, and a political situation generally that is regarded almost as epochal by all close students of Old Country politics, Hon. Joseph Martin, erstwhile known as "the Stormy Petrel of Canadian politics," finds time to send another of his characteristic letters to his old friends in British Columbia, which epistle is given space in the Saturday Sunset (Vancouver). Mr. Martin emphatically denies that he has lost touch with British Columbia affairs, or wrote without precise and ample information when just before the late election he counselled the people of this province to mark their ballots for the representatives of Premier McBride.

This latest letter from the irrepressible Joseph was evoked by editorial comment in the Sunset to the effect that Mr. Martin had lost touch with the province, in respect to whose affairs he offered to give guidance.

Says he in reply:

Sir—I have just received your issue of the 13th inst., containing a criticism of my letter opposing the Liberals. The election is, of course over but my objections to Mr. Oliver and his supporters go deeper than the issue of the general election, so I venture to offer a reply to you.

In the first place you suggest that I am out of touch with conditions and that if I were in Vancouver I would support the Liberal ticket. I cannot understand on what you base this statement. I would like you to name a single consideration affecting the political position of which I am ignorant. I read your editorials weekly and besides have access to all the leading newspapers of British Columbia. I also see from time to time prominent men of British Columbia, so that I feel sure that I have just as thorough a knowledge of political conditions there as when I left eight months ago.

It is true that when I wrote the letter which appeared in the News-Advertiser of the 10th inst., I did not know who the Liberal candidates for Vancouver were, but I learned their names on the 10th and at once cabled to the friend to whom I sent the letter, an emphatic confirmation of my letter.

I consider that the Liberal ticket in Vancouver was solid for Kelly.

Analyses Personnel.

Quite apart from that in my opinion the gentlemen in question were not calculated to inspire much confidence in public way.

Every one knows that the administration of the Yukon by the Dominion government during the palmy days of that district entitled to heaven. Mr. Wade was an official and closely in touch with the government through it all, and has never raised his voice in condemnation.

Mr. Senkler does not appear to have any political principles. A few years ago he supported his partner, Mr. Charles Wilson, while that gentleman was a member of the McBride administration, and it was probably worse than it is now.

Both Mr. Wade and Mr. Senkler told me personally that money had been demanded from them by the Liberal machine in return for appointment as a Judge and then denied the statement upon oath.

Mr. George Macdonald has never been active in political life, but he has long been known as one of Mr. Kelly's lackeys.

Mr. Stables was elected as a supporter of mine in 1900, but after he got to the House he was prepared to vote an immense land grant to the Canadian Northern Railway company in violation of the platform of the Liberal party.

Mr. Campbell belongs to a class of men whom I have never been able to understand. Personally honest, he has yet ever been ready to condone the open graft of the leaders of the Liberal party. To my mind men of this kind are the most reprehensible of all, as their attitude suggests that they do not consider probity and honesty essential in political life.

All these men supported Mr. McInnes as the candidate for Vancouver a year ago and Mr. McInnes openly declared himself the nominee of Mr. Kelly and supported his management of the Liberal cause in Vancouver.

No Change of Heart.

You state that since I left conditions have changed in Vancouver with regard to the Liberal party. I see no signs of a change. It is true that a very few supporters of mine were on the nomination papers of the Liberal candidates. I have the greatest respect for these gentlemen and no doubt they felt that they had good reasons for their action. I am sure, however, that every one of them feels just the same with regard to the Liberal party in Vancouver as they did when they supported me in the fight against graft a year ago.

So far as the agreement with the Canadian Northern is concerned, I am very much opposed to it, but that would not induce me to vote for a gang who if they came to power would be likely to enter into much worse agreements.

Bad as the Canadian Northern deal is, it cannot in my opinion be compared with the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

So far as the action of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to which you refer, is concerned, I command it very highly. He finds his party going wrong and does not hesitate to condemn it. He is, however, in a different position from me. He is a Conservative. I am a Liberal. I cannot support Mr. Oliver when he throws himself unreservedly into the arms of the Kelly crowd, even if I have to support a government which under other circumstances I would be glad to oppose.

It seems to me that the moral to be drawn from all this is the necessity of forming a new party. Both the present parties are thoroughly rotten and show no signs whatever of reforming themselves. The people are, however, sound but indifferent and need to be roused. The privileges of citizenship are not, after all, of much value when all a general election offers is a choice between two evils. I would like to see Sir Charles H. Tupper and a number of other men with independent minds join together to establish a new party, having the welfare of the people as its platform. Yours truly,

JOSEPH MARTIN,

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NOTICE

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Petitions for Bills will not be received by the House after 31st January, 1910.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than 10th February, 1910.

Reports from Standing Committee on Bills will not be received by the House after 17th February, 1910.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly,
Victoria, 1st November, 1909.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HASTINGS, late of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 28th day of December, 1909, full particulars of claims, verified by Statutory Declaration, which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets accordingly.

Dated at Victoria this 22nd day of November, 1909.

McPHILLIPS & DAVIE,
David Chambers, No. 545 Bastion
Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for
the Executor.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for an act transferring the assets of the Great West Savings Company within British Columbia to The Great West Permanent Loan Company, being a company incorporated by an act of parliament of Canada being Chapter 89 of the Statutes of 1909, also ratifying all acts done pursuant to section 41 of the said act, and authorizing the Great West Savings Company to have been incorporated since the 5th day of June, 1909, to exercise within the Province of British Columbia all the powers, rights and privileges provided for in its Act of Incorporation.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of November, A. D. 1909.

A. P. LUXTON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1909)

TAKE NOTICE that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the said act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 542A and 543A, Victoria City, in the Province aforesaid with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa in the Province of Ontario, and duplicate of each to the office of the Registrar General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 14th day of December, 1909.

YATES & JAY,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of the corporation of the District of Oak Bay for an act, confirming to the council of the said corporation the following powers in addition to those conferred by the "Municipal Clauses Act," namely:

(1) Power to make, alter and repeal by-laws for the following purposes:

(a) For charging a fromage rate against all property past which water remains run, and making such water a lien on the real property.

(b) From borrowing money for purchasing, laying and constructing water mains, gas mains, electric lighting trunk or main wires and connections, subject to the provisions of Sections 63 and 69 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," but without the restrictions contained in Section 81 of the act.

(c) For preventing the obstruction of any watercourses and drains and authorizing municipal officers to enter on private lands for the purpose of clearing streams, watercourses or drains; and for laying drains or sewerage pipes in any streams or water courses; for entering into agreements with other municipalities for clearing any watercourse or stream, and building and maintaining roads and drains.

(d) For regulating the speed of street cars, automobiles and other vehicles.

(e) For licensing hacks, cabs, automobiles, trolleybuses and other vehicles, hired either within or without the municipality, passing over the roads and highways within the municipality.

(f) For prohibiting, regulating and licensing the carrying of firearms within the municipality or on any waters within one mile of the shore of any part of the same.

(g) For granting to any person or corporation any reduction in the rate of taxation and for entering into any agreement for the assessment of any person's or corporation's lands and property of lesser value than the surrounding lands.

(h) For prohibiting the purchase or otherwise receiving and waterworks, whether situated and to deal with and enter into agreements with any person or corporation owning the same for acquiring waterworks or water supply, and power to construct and lay pipes from such waterworks, or from any point where water is supplied to the municipality through any lands, roads, streets, highways, whether provincial, municipal or private, and full power to take the necessary by-laws for such purposes.

(i) Power to enforce all by-laws on the foreshore adjoining the municipality.

(j) Power to ratify and confirm the agreement to be entered into between the Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited, and W. H. Gardner, and ratifying the by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers embodying such by-law, and giving the council power to adopt and carry into effect the said agreement and carry out and confirm all the rights, franchises and privileges in the said agreement mentioned, and borrow money to repay the same.

(k) Power to carry on local improvements for all municipal work under a new system, with full power to pass the necessary local improvement by-laws making the cost of local improvements a charge against the cost of the proposed works, and the date by which the said proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1909.

A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

Corporation of the City of Victoria

NOTICE is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 28th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by public auction the following animal, viz.: One aged black horse, white stripe on face, unless the said animal is redened and the pound charges paid at, or before, the time of sale.

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After Christmas Shopping—Then Comes New Year Buying

No matter how particular or thoughtful a person may seem to be during the Christmas shopping, there is in nearly every instance someone who has been overlooked—probably a gift from some unexpected source, or something of this kind has come to light. Then it remains up to you to show some sort of appreciation by sending some little token. You will find this store offers many splendid suggestions.

A visit to the different departments may be of advantage to you.

Ladies' Hosiery Specially Priced

LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE, with fancy colored embroidery, \$1.25, \$1.00 and	75¢
LADIES' FINE CASHMERE HOSE, natural wool foot	75¢
LADIES' HEAVY CASHMERE HOSE, black and tan. Per pair	50¢
LADIES' BLACK CASHMERE HOSE, seamless feet	35¢
LADIES' FULL-FASHIONED HOSE, ribbed and plain	25¢

New Year Neckwear for Women, Misses and Girls

LACE STOCK COLLAR, white and cream	25¢
FANCY LAWN AND IMITATION IRISH LACE JABOTS. Price	25¢
FANCY SILK BOWS, trimmed jet drops	25¢
ALL-SILK TIES, with fancy ends	25¢
FANCY BOW TIES, with fancy buckles	35¢
FANCY NET STOCK COLLARS, trimmed colored braid	35¢
EMBROIDERED LINEN COLLARS. Sizes 12½ to 14. Prices, 35¢ and	25¢
JABOTS of imitation Irish lace, with bow to match	35¢
GUIPURE AND ORIENTAL LACE STOCK COLLARS	50¢
FANCY SILK AND SATIN TIES, all colors, with jet slide	50¢
SILK CORD TIES, with steel and gilt head drop ends	50¢
BLACK VELVET RIBBON BOWS, good quality	50¢
COAT COLLARS of heavy Guipure lace	50¢
LAWN JABOTS, neatly embroidered	50¢
EMBROIDERED DUTCH COLLARS of fine lawn, edged with lace	50¢
COLLAR AND CUFF SETS of imitation Irish lace. Set	75¢
KNITTED SILK TIES, with tassel ends, in white only	75¢
FANCY NET COLLARS, trimmed lace and ribbon	75¢
FANCY COLLARS, trimmed lace and silk cord	75¢
BLACK NET COLLARS, trimmed duchesse ribbon	75¢
IMITATION IRISH LACE COLLARS, jabot to match	75¢
FANCY EMBROIDERED LAWN DUTCH COLLARS	75¢
DUTCH COLLARS of imitation Battenburg, with Irish lace edging	75¢
CREAM NET STOCK, with jabot to match	75¢
COAT COLLAR, of embroidered lawn, with Irish lace edging. Price	1.00
GUIPURE AND FANCY APPLIQUE LACE COLLARS, full shape	1.00
FANCY LACE COLLARETTES, in white, cream and black. Price	1.00
STOCK COLLAR AND JABOT of net, with black duchesse band	1.00
FANCY LACE AND LAWN DUTCH COLLARS	1.00
FANCY LACE STOCKS, handsome pattern, in cream	1.25
IMITATION IRISH LACE DUTCH COLLAR	1.25
FANCY SILK AND NET COLLARS, in neat box	1.25
LAWN STOCK, trimmed lace, with jabot attached	1.25
FANCY CHIFFON STOCK, with dainty lace medallions and ribbed gold gauze ribbon	1.50
FANCY COLLAR of chiffonette, trimmed lace jet buttons and gauze ribbon	1.50
IMITATION IRISH DUTCH COLLARS, very handsome design	1.75
LAWN AND LACE TRIMMED STOCK, with jabot attached	2.00
FANCY LACE DUTCH COLLAR, nice full shape	2.00
FANCY NET STOCK COLLAR, with jabot attached, trimmed duchesse satin and fancy buckles	2.50
RICH LACE COAT AND CUFF SET, beautiful patterns. Per set	2.50
DUTCH COLLAR, with Valenciennes lace jabot attached, hand embroidered	3.50



New Year Gift Suggestions in Rugs

Nothing more suitable than one of these beautiful Hearth Rugs or Carpet Squares.

AXMINSTER HEARTH RUGS

HEARTH RUGS, heavy Axminster, in a fine range of beautiful colorings and designs:

Size 54 x 27 inches. Special, each \$2.50
Size 60 x 36 inches. Special, each \$3.75

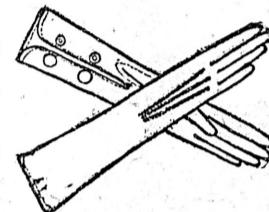
HEARTH RUGS, heavy Axminster, in a beautiful assortment of Oriental, conventional, floral and two-toned effects. Sizes 27 x 54 inches to 36 x 72 inches. Each, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.50

MOHAIR HEARTH RUGS—These rugs have a soft, silky finish which adds greatly to the appearance of the rug. They come in solid shades of green, crimson, gold, blue, cream, black and grey. Sizes 27 x 50 inches to 36 x 72 inches. Each \$4.00, \$6.75, \$9.00 and \$12.00

CARPET SQUARES

We are now in a position to supply any requirement in Carpet Squares, as we have just received a shipment of new Axminsters, Wiltons and Brussels Squares to fill the stock sizes, varying in prices from \$12.00 to \$75.00

Gloves for the New Year



LADIES' GLACE KID GLOVES, all colors, Perrin's make	\$1.00
LADIES' CHAMOIS GLOVES, white and natural	\$1.00
LADIES' MOCHA KID GLOVES, tan, grey and black. Price	\$1.25
LADIES' GLACE KID GLOVES, all newest shades, "Trefousse" make	\$1.50
LADIES' SUÈDE KID GLOVES, tan, beaver, slate, white and black	\$1.50
LADIES' HEAVY PIQUE SEWN GLOVES, all shades	\$1.75
LADIES' FLEECE-LINED MOCHA KID GLOVES, in browns only, \$1.75 and	\$1.50
LADIES' SILK LINED MOCHA GLOVES, in tan, grey black	\$1.75
CHILDREN'S LINED AND UNLINED KID GLOVES, browns only, 75¢ and	\$1.00
CHILDREN'S FLEECE-LINED MOCHA MITTS, fur tops, grey and tans	75¢

Southall's Accouchement Sets

Containing the following carefully selected assortment of necessary appliances and adjuncts for use in confinement cases:

1 Sanitary Wool Accouchement Sheet, 28 in. x 25 in.	
1 Sanitary Wool Accouchement Sheet, 28 in. x 22 in.	
3 Packets Southall's Sanitary Towels.	
1 Packet Infants' Knapkinettes.	
1 Obstetric Binder.	
1 Packet Cotton Wool.	
1 Packet Absorbent Dressing Pads.	
1 Large Mackintosh Sheet.	
1 Small Mackintosh Sheet.	
1 Box Linen Thread.	
1 Box Boracic Powder.	
1 Tube Southall's Special Antiseptic Jelly.	
1 Box Specially Prepared Fuller's Earth.	
1 Box Safety Pins.	
1 Packet Vaccination Pads.	
1 Packet Antiseptic Umbilical Pads.	
By purchasing one of these sets you will save trouble and money, besides getting a full supply of the very best articles procurable.	
We sell the above set at \$7.50 and a smaller one at \$4.50. Southall's best quality Absorbent Cotton Wool in packets—1 lb. 45c, 8 oz. 25c, 4 oz. 15c, 2 oz. 10c, 1 oz. 5c.	
Southall's Absorbent Gauze, per packet 15c.	
Southall's Boracic Gauze, per packet 15c.	
Southall's White Open Wove Bandages (3 inch 10c, 2½ inch 2 for 15c, 2 inch 1½ inch and 1 inch, 5c each).	
ALL PATENT MEDICINES AND TOILET ARTICLES AT REDUCED PRICES.	

Watch our Thursday and Friday announcements closely for news of importance to all those wishing to make a substantial saving. It means much to everybody.

Shoes That Stand Service



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A GOOD WALKING BOOT—Gun metal calfskin, medium toe and heel	\$4.00
A DRESS BOOT—Patent leather, Blucher, dull kid top, Cuban heel	\$4.00
A POPULAR STYLE—Glazed kid Blucher, patent tip, Goodyear welts	\$4.00
A BOOT FOR COMFORT—Soft, glazed kid, cushion insoles, very flexible	\$5.00
PATENT KID LACE BOOTS—Plain toe, short vamp, high Cuban heel	\$5.50
PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOTS—Dull kid tops. Very dressy and good style	\$5.50
GUN METAL CALFSKIN—On very smart last, Cuban heel and narrow toe	\$5.00
OLD LADIES' COMFORT BOOT—Of soft pliable kid, light turn soles and common-sense heel. Price	\$4.00

Our showing of Ball Slippers is unusually large and varied this season. They include—	
SATIN SLIPPERS, in white, blue, pink, grey and canary, with or without straps. Prices, \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50	
KID SLIPPERS, in white, pink and blue. Price	\$3.75
GOLD AND SILVER STRAP SLIPPERS	\$3.00
BRONZE KID STRAP SLIPPERS, headed. Price	\$5.50
BLACK VELVETEEN STRAP SLIPPERS, Rhinestone ornament	\$4.50
BLACK KID OR PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS. Many choice styles, from	\$2.50

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